

DRIVERS OF AUTOS THAT COLLIDED ARRAIGNED IN POLICE COURT

An aftermath of the accident which occurred on the Aiken street bridge on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 1, in which two dump carts and two automobiles were involved was heard by Judge Enright in police court today, when Elise Paquette and Wilfred Desmarais were charged with reckless driving of automobiles and endangering public life and property.

In the accident two men were thrown from their dump carts, the automobiles and wagons were slightly damaged and one of the horses ran away. The government contended that the men charged with reckless driving were racing head to head across the bridge when the accident occurred.

Joseph Drainville, a teamster employed by the Tremont & Suffolk mills, testified that at about 1:30 o'clock on the afternoon of Dec. 1 he was driving across the Aiken street bridge toward the "Little Canada" side. He saw two machines approaching at a speed he estimated at 25 or 30 miles an hour. They were side by side, Paquette driving a Ford touring car and Desmarais a Vim truck owned by Charles E. Bourret. Another witness was passing him, headed toward

COPPER THIEVES PLEAD GUILTY IN POLICE COURT

Accused of larceny of 100 pounds of copper valued at 25 cents a pound from the Appleton Co. on December 6 last, James Grand and Eugene Drolet were arraigned before Judge Enright in police court this forenoon. Each pleaded guilty. After the circumstances had been related to the court Drolet was

TO RELIEVE SHORTAGE STRIKE CAUSES LOSS OF OF FREIGHT CARS \$150,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Further means to check practices which have contributed to the shortage of freight cars and general proposals looking to the betterment of the situation were discussed today at a meeting here of railroad officials and representatives of some of the chief shipping interests.

The chief topic was a method known which usage of the reconignment privilege could be prevented. Information gathered by the railroads and interstate commerce commission officials is said to indicate that speculators in foodstuffs and other necessities, by abuse of the reconignment privilege, have withdrawn cars from their normal uses for unwarrantedly long periods, thus contributing to the car shortage and indirectly to the higher cost of living.

Under existing regulations it is possible for speculators to ship cars for their order, reconsign them upon delivery to other destinations and continue the practice indefinitely keeping cars in transit awaiting favorable markets and virtually using the railroads as warehouses instead of carriers.

Thousands of cars are said to have been made unavailable for legitimate shipments of manufacturers and other producers.

Jas. E. O'Donnell

Counselor at Law
ROOM 220, 45 MERRIMACK ST.

CALIFOUX'S
ON THE SQUARE

BEING A THOROUGHbred

A thoroughbred is a person or an animal with a true strain of breeding, of clean stock, well bred and refined not necessarily in manners, but in action.

A thoroughbred in business or in society is one whom events do not "faze," who is not discouraged at the unexpected or the exaltation of "Cranks" or "normal" without "spilling over" either way. We are proud to be known as a store that does the square thing and we are glad to maintain that reputation in business by our action in placing on sale goods that sometimes cost us more than we can afford to pay for them, considering the price at which we are obliged to sell them and in making good for anything which, in the opinion of the customer, we should make good for. There is satisfaction for a customer, who can be sure of getting fair treatment when she trades at a store where the highest standards of price, quality and the thousand and one little courtesies that enter into the transactions of buyer and seller are faithfully lived up to. It is the strict observance of the standards constitute thoroughbred ideals, well and good.

THE SUN
Lowell's Greatest Newspaper

WARNING

We shall seek the co-operation of Superintendent Welch and shall have special officers equipped for duty in protecting our trees and shrubs at the Lowell cemetery the coming Christmas season. The laws of this Commonwealth are specific upon this matter, and penalty is severe. We shall use every effort to protect the property. A Christmas tree cut and stolen from the Lowell Cemetery is the wrong way for a "Merry Christmas."

For Proprietors of the Lowell Cemetery,
CHARLES L. KNAPP,
Treasurer.

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Friend St., Boston
Table D'Hotel Lunch, 11 to 3,50c
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VELOUR FOR YOUR FATHER
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LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH APPROVED BY THE BRITISH PRESS

Says "If Germany Really Wants Peace, She Will, When Joint Reply of Allies is Received, State Terms Which Can Form Basis of Discussion"

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Premier Lloyd George's reply to Germany's peace proposal meets with a chorus of approval in the British press and the general comment is that if Germany really wants peace she will, when the joint reply of the allies is received, state terms which can form a basis of discussion. The Manchester Guardian says:

"Premier Lloyd George has not shut the door on peace with that resounding clang for which some of his less balanced supporters in the press have been listening. It is true he insisted on the impossibility of accepting the German invitation as it stands. In this he was ably seconded by Mr. Asquith and will be approved by the country. The German chancellor must be both more modest and more explicit before he can expect any favorable answer to his invitation. But the real danger in the situation which his offer created was that the allies, by a universal league to enforce peace, in such a league America would play a great part and her presence alone would be no small security."

Expressing the opinion that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg will admit on reflection that the proposals of the entente allies, as outlined by Mr. Lloyd George, formed a basis for discussion, the Guardian says:

"There is in this as in all countries at war a great volume of opinion, too little vocal, unfortunately, in favor of a serious effort on the part of Europe's statesmen to put an end to the carnage which is destroying the whole generation of the young."

"Premier Lloyd George," says the Times, "expressed the thoughts and wishes of the nation and laid down a program which will command its hearty support."

This is the tone of the comment in most of the other papers which hold the line of the premier's answer and also Lord Curzon's speech in the house of lords are "moderate in phrase, firm and unswerving in substance."

The papers declare that the nation is prepared and will willingly undertake all the sacrifices foreshadowed and will face greater privations. It is necessary to ensure those ends of reparation and security which the allies demand from the central powers.

There is nowhere any hostile criticism of the government declaration, but the Daily News contends that the forecast of the measures for organizing the nation do little more than indicate that the policy of the late government will be continued and extended. It says if the new government succeeds as well as its predecessor, the nation will be grateful and that if it succeeds better the nation will be more than grateful. At the same time, the newspaper points out the possibility of negotiations being undertaken notwithstanding the strong statements of the premier and Lord Curzon and their endorsement by members of the late government. Thus the Daily News says that the door is not necessarily banged and bolted and that the allies' day of refusal to negotiate seen Bethmann-Hollweg's offer is not meant to indicate that the allies do not wish peace, but that Germany must ask if in the role of the vanquished and not the victor. The News expresses the hope that the allies will speedily agree on precise terms on which they will be willing to negotiate.

Even the Staff which has always demanded extreme measures against Germany says: "There is no obstacle whatever to peace if Germany really wants it. She has merely to withdraw from the occupied countries and we are willing enough to discuss reparation and guarantees for the future."

SMALL BLACK KETTLE AND LITTLE RED CHIMNEY



SALVATION ARMY KETTLE TENDER.

How the City's Charity Flows into Salvation Army Receptacles—The Kettle and Chimney Tenders Have Cold Jobs

What have you put in the Salvation Army's small black kettle or the little red chimney?

The quiet ladies in their demure poke bonnets and the patient men stand all day at the edge of the pavements in Central and Merrimack streets, keeping watch of the pennies and the dimes as they fall into the kettle or the chimney.

The familiar tripod and its swinging

CITY COUNCIL HEARS FROM COUNTY COMMISSION ON FIRST STREET PLANS

At a meeting held this morning at 11 o'clock the municipal council continued to wind up several matters of more or less importance. Mayor O'Donnell presided and Commissioners Morse and Putnam were present at the opening of the meeting.

The most important matter that came before the council was a communication from the county commission relative to the amount that the county will pay in the construction of the new river road from Reed street to the Deane town line. The county commissioners have agreed to pay the city of Lowell twenty-five per cent. of the cost, after deducting the cost of any curbstones or sidewalk surfacing. There is an important provision, however, which stipulates that in no case shall the county pay more than \$30,000 for its share of the work. This communication was the result of the recent hearing at the court house at which the city's point of view was put before the county commission by City Engineer Stephen Kearney.

Anna F. Goodale petitioned for a garage at the rear of 224 Pine street and a hearing was set for Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 10 a. m.

A communication was received relative to the selection of a grand juror to serve at the superior court, Cambridge, starting the first Monday in January. Commissioner Morse drew the name of Antoine Fortin, 993 Moody street.

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THESE ARE BUSY DAYS FOR THE FIREMEN

The fire department records show many causes of fires but it is doubtful if before this morning there is any record of where a fire started as the result of the manufacture of candles.

At 6:01 this morning an alarm from box 119 called the department to 434 Adams street where wax on a stove had caught fire, filling the building with smoke and frightening the occupants.

An investigation showed that some men were making Christmas candles when the wax on the stove got afire. The blaze was extinguished before any damage was done. The property is owned by the estate of Thomas Fay.

Union Street Fire
An alarm from box 214 at 7:43 o'clock last night summoned a portion of the fire department to a lively blaze in a house at 73 Union street. The building is owned by Mrs. Mary Foy and the tenement in which the fire started is occupied by Mrs. Anna Pendergast. Children and matches were the cause.

The children were playing in the kitchen and managed to secure some matches and started a fire which had gained rapid headway when Mrs. Pendergast was startled by the cries of the little ones. Rushing into the room she saw the interior ablaze and taking the children led them to a place of safety. In the meantime a passerby heard the cries and seeing the blaze pulled in an alarm.

When the department arrived on the scene there was a lively blaze in progress. It was soon extinguished but not before the interior of the kitchen



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Start in now and select what you want for Christmas, at

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NATHAN A. TUFTS NAMES HIS HELPERS

Nathan A. Tufts, who will assume the office of district attorney for the northern district, Middlesex county, on Jan. 2, has named the following as his assistants:

Deputy district attorney, Frederick Woodbury Russell, of Medford, born in Fitchburg, attended public schools of Fitchburg, graduated from the college of St. Francis, St. Paul, Minn., in 1904, admitted to practice in 1905, became associated with the firm of Stone, Dinsmore & Russell, the latter a former district attorney. At the present time associated in practice with former Attorney General Herbert Parker, ex-Lt. Gov. Frothingham and Ben. Robert Wallcut, associate justice of Cambridge court, with offices in Barristers hall.

First assistant, George Stanley Harvey, of Malden, attended public schools of Malden, studied law with Hon. William H. Preble, late judge of the Massachusetts bar in 1904, associated with Judge Preble until the latter's death.

Second assistant, Samuel Horace Conard, born in Concord, attended Concord public schools and Andover school, graduate of Harvard 1909, Harvard Law school, 1912, admitted to practice in Massachusetts in 1912; until recently a member of the firm of McLellan, Carney & Brickley.

REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS

Superintendent of Police Redmond Welch last evening issued the following statement calling attention to the city ordinance relative to the removal of snow from sidewalks:

I respectfully call the attention of the public to the city ordinance bearing on the removal of snow from sidewalks, and trust that it will not be necessary to bring complaint against any delinquent. Every citizen should have consideration for the comfort of those who are obliged to use their sidewalks, and a little effort may be instrumental in preventing injury or in avoiding a possible court appearance. The ordinance to which I refer is found in section 21, chapter 22, of the city ordinances, and is as follows:

The tenant, occupant, and in case there shall be no tenant, the owner, agent or person having the care of any building, or lot of land bordering on any street, lane, court, square, or public place, within the city, where there is any roadway or sidewalk, shall cause all the snow and ice to be removed from such sidewalk. If the snow shall fall in the daytime, within 24 hours from the time it shall have ceased falling; if in the night time, it shall be removed within 12 hours after the first appearance of snow at noon of the day succeeding; and all ice shall be removed within 24 hours after the same shall form upon the sidewalk. And this section shall apply to snow or ice which may have fallen from any building, and to ice formed from water running or accumulating upon any sidewalk.

YOUR STOMACH AND YOUR HEALTH

are so closely related that as the one is so the other is. If you suffer from indigestion, gas, and intestinal disturbances, your stomach needs Dys-pep-tics. These tablets are ready to be of service to you, and are pleasant to take and prompt and effective in action. Get a bottle of them today from your druggist. Dys-pep-tics are prepared only by their originators, C. I. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass. There are three sizes, 10 cents, 25 cents and \$1.

OPEN EVENINGS TILL CHRISTMAS

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Bath Robes

We have assembled for Christmas season an unusually large stock of Ladies' and Gentlemen's Bath Robes at unusually low prices.

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| LADIES' ROBES | 3.98 | and | 5.00 |
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5.25

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ACROSS FROM CITY HALL

TAKES EVERETT ARMORY FROM THE MILITIA

MAYOR-ELECT MULLEN KNOCKS OUT DANCE FOR INAUGURAL EXERCISES ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Mayor-elect Mullen of Everett scored against Captain Lewis P. Sawin of B. Co., 8th regiment of Everett yesterday, by securing the armory for the annual exercises on New Year's night. Captain Sawin had planned a military ball for that evening in the armory, and had ordered his printing and sent out cards of invitation.

Mr. Mullen yesterday visited Adjutant-General Pearson at the state house, after being refused the armory for New Year's night by Capt. Sawin and says he persuaded the adjutant-general to allow him to use the armory.

Captain Sawin stated last evening that he had made plans for a ball and had received no orders from the adjutant-general about allowing Mayor-elect Mullen to use the armory on New Year's night.

"I knew that it was customary to use the high school hall for inaugural exercises," he said, "and expected them to do the same this year."

General Pearson, who is in Lowell, said last night: "I granted the Everett city government the privilege of holding the inaugural in the armory because Mr. Mullen was the first to make the request. I do not see why the dance cannot be given later. I do not know anything of the local conditions in Everett."

It now looks as if the Everett city government must walk home, no matter where home may be.

The Boston Elevated Railway company, following the lead of the Boston & Maine, Boston & Albany, New York, New Haven & Hartford and Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn railroads, have also declared a closed season on drunks.

With all the railroads out of the city and Boston's trolley system hurried to them, those persons who celebrate unwisely are going to have their troubles. It is going to be a case of walk or a night's lodging in the station, with costs for said lodging collected in the morning by the presiding justice of the police court. And those who can't pay will have to do their best down on the farm.

The Elevated, like the railroads when the matter of carrying inebriates was brought to their attention by Gov. McCall, issued orders to its employees yesterday instructing them to bar drunks and turn such persons over to the police.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
The Sunday school class of St. Paul's church held an entertainment in the vestry of St. Paul's M. E. church last evening. The social was one of a series that is being conducted by the Sunday school classes. Games were played, refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed.

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION
The Woman's association of the Kirk Street church held a meeting at the home of Mrs. A. E. Blodgett, Main street, yesterday afternoon. Rev. William E. English, Jr., gave an interesting talk on Armenia. He told of his personal experiences in the country, and of the suffering of the Armenians. Refreshments were served under the direction of the hostess, assisted by Mrs. George S. Richardson and Mrs. English.

FORMER HEAD OF VASSAR DEAD
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Dr. James Monroe Taylor, president emeritus of Vassar college, died last night at the home here where he had been ill about a week. He was 65 years old.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Secretary of the Interior Lane and his colleagues on the Mexican-American joint commission stood on their common ground yesterday in the responsibility of deciding whether the American government should continue its efforts to effect a satisfactory and amicable adjustment of the questions affecting the relations of the two countries, and then all joined in their own way.

Through an representatives on the commission, they sent to Carranza a communication further explaining the position of the United States government, and containing protestations that there was no intention to violate the sovereignty of Mexico. It was made clear, however, that there can be no modification of the conditions on which the American troops will be withdrawn from Mexico, and that the attitude of the government as outlined in the declaration of policy made by Secretary Lane when the protocol was signed at Aguascalientes had not been altered.

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U. S. PUTS QUESTION UP TO GEN. CARRANZA

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Col. Brown Condemns Guard

Mr. Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, was again before the senate subcommittee yesterday, urging universal service legislation, and submitting his report on the mobilization of the National Guard for border duty, compiled by Col. W. C. Brown from all information available at the war department.

The conclusion of the general staff, Gen. Scott said, that no adequate defense could be built up under the present volunteer system, was fully substantiated by the reports of departmental commanders. Inspectors, instructors and officers, included in Col. Brown's compilation, and which disclosed vital and innocent faults in the National Guard system which could not be passed over.

Col. Brown, who commanded the 10th cavalry, mounted Gen. Scott, and led the detachment which took the most severe punishment to the Villa bandits, was before the committee himself and told of the hardships the troops in Mexico encountered, of the forced marches and the terrible pace set, adding that only thoroughly trained men and animals could have stood the strain.

Border Force Volunteers

The mobilization report shows that of 12,000 enlisted men of the militia, 10,000 were transferred from militia organizations per called out or were now recruits, having only 27 per cent of the force representing the National Guard or the extended militia element on the rolls of the organizations in question at the date of call.

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WAR SECRETARY GIVES IDEA

QUALIFIED SUPPORT—CONDEMNES NATIONAL GUARD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Compulsory military training in the United States is a subject which has been discussed for many years, and the war secretary, Mr. D. H. Garrison, has now taken the subject up for discussion in the senate.

Mr. Garrison, in a speech, said that the present system of voluntary military service was not sufficient to meet the needs of the country, and that a compulsory system was necessary.

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Of those who were on the rolls at the time of the call, according to the report, 47,657 were lost for various causes during the period of transition into the federal service, making the National Guard as it went to the border substantially a volunteer force. Of the number lost 7325 failed to respond to the call at all, and 23,721 were rejected for physical disability.

As to the training of the force before it reached the border the report says 62 per cent, or 51,254 men, had had less than three months military training of any kind and more than 50,000 none at all.

Talking to the marksmanship of the state troops, the report shows that 35,812 never had fired a military rifle and that more than 14,000 others had received training of less than first class at the targets.

Let George Do It

Senator Thomas asked if national defense was not regarded by most persons as an impersonal question. "Yes," replied the general. "We let George do it."

Sec. Baker was warm in his praise of the enlisted regulars and informed the house committee that he had approved a suggestion that their pay be raised to \$25 a month.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Lowell court, Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, was held in Gratton hall last night. Considerable routine business was transacted, after which the election of officers took place. The installation will be held on the night of Jan. 16. The newly elected officers are as follows: Chief ranger, Patrick T. Brennan; vice chief ranger, Thomas Brennan; treasurer, William A. Barry; recording secretary, Charles R. Taylor; junior conductor, Thomas Whelan; junior conductor, William Whitworth; inside sentinel, Fred Maloney; outside sentinel, Dennis Moran.

The regular meeting of S. H. Blues lodge was held last night with a large attendance. Reports from sick members were read. Two applications were received. Brothers William H. Harvey, Benjamin Beals, A. E. Joy and H. G. Bowen spoke on the job of the order.

LAWRENCE JINNEY ORDINANCE

The Lawrence Jinney ordinance, which barred Lowell drivers from starting

vice, and in the amendment the drivers on the local lines were barred from running on the inter-city line.

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Don't Guess—Know!

"Do you remember what Smith's telephone number is?"

"It seems to me it is 3621."

"No, that doesn't sound like it—I think it is 2631—I'll try that."

So the call was made without referring to the directory which lay beside the questioner. And the wrong connection was made, because the right number was not what either of the speakers guessed—it was 3261.

This illustrates one frequent cause of wrong numbers, namely, the transposition of digits in the guessing of numbers. It is so easy to do this that we ask our operators to repeat each call distinctly, so that they may be corrected in any errors due to misunderstanding.

There should be no guessing when a telephone number is wanted. There are only two ways to get the correct number: one way is by looking in the directory. If on looking in the directory, you cannot find the name of the person with whom you wish to speak, then you should ask for the Information Operator at the desired exchange, and she will give you the number from her records.

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| \$5.00 Ever-ready Flashlight | \$2.40 |
| 2 Cell Ever-ready Flashlight | 49c |
| 1st Best Electric Iron, Regular price \$4.00 | Our price \$3.60 |
| We need Electric Iron, Regular price \$4.00 | Our price \$3.60 |
| Perfect Electric Iron, Regular price \$2.75 | Our price \$2.60 |
| 8 Light Christmas Tree Decorating Set | Regular price \$3.00 |
| Our price | \$2.75 |
| 5 Cell Ever-ready 2 Cell Thurgsten Batteries | Regular price 30c |
| Our price | 23c |
| 1st Best Regular price 10c | Our price 8c |
| Caroline and Cass Dances from | \$4.50 to \$17.00 Each |

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Board Director for
Several Years

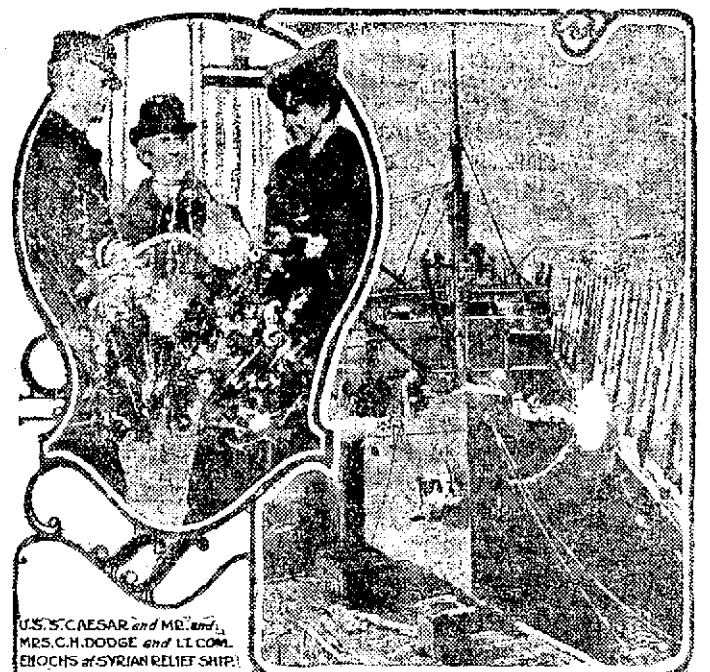
At an important meeting of the directors of the board of trade last evening Secretary John H. Murphy resigned to take up the duties of treasurer of the Lowell Morris Plan company, and in his place was elected William H. Bolger, who was recommended for the place by the executive committee and chosen unanimously. Mr. Bolger has been a director of the board of trade for several years. Last evening he resigned as director and John H. Murphy was chosen to fill his place.

Before presenting his formal resignation Mr. Murphy spoke in a very appreciative manner of his connection with the body, saying that his success in his new field will depend largely on the use he has made of his experience for the past five and one-half years. He paid a high tribute to former President Harvey R. Greene and also to President Marden, referring specifically to their kindly aid and co-operation on all occasions. He recalled the many acts of courtesy on the part of the membership of the board generally and said that its recent success has been due in great part to this spirit.

There were 22 directors present at the meeting, and the usual routine was followed. There was considerable enthusiasm when Fred P. Hayward of the new membership committee presented a list of 60 names to be voted on for membership. Secretary Murphy presented a financial report which showed the body to be in a sound financial condition. An auditing committee, consisting of William H. Hills, J. Harry Boardman and James V. Owens, was appointed to examine the accounts when they are relinquished by Secretary Murphy.

The resignation of the secretary was

AMERICAN CHARITY LOADS CAESAR WITH SUPPLIES FOR POOR SYRIANS



The United States Collier, Caesar, bound from South Brooklyn for Beirut, Syria, was laden with a \$250,000 cargo of foodstuffs and clothing for the Syrian and Armenian refugees who are in need of help.

Under the auspices of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, farewell exercises were held on Pier 2, Bush Street, South Brooklyn, where the collier had been made fast, taking on her cargo. Cleveland H. Dodge, the presiding officer, who represented the Red Cross, as well as the committee on Armenian and Syrian Relief, mentioned the fact that to the American consuls and missionaries who have not seen an American flag flying in the harbor of Beirut for 18 months, the Caesar, with its cargo of foodstuffs, would be the most beautiful emblem that ever sailed the ocean.

George S. Straus, another speaker at the exercises, pointed out the significance of this relief work on the part of the American people as the finest possible expression of international friendship and conducive to peace and good will throughout the whole world.

Henry Morgenthau, who recently retired as ambassador to Turkey, said that it was impossible for the American people to appreciate what this cargo of foodstuffs would mean to those people who had been shut out from the outside world for more than two years.

A message containing best wishes for the safe voyage of the Christmas ship from President Wilson was read and singing was provided by the Syrian and Armenian chorists. Pictures of the Caesar at her pier and Mr. and Mrs. Dodge presenting a basket of flowers to the Commander John M. Enochs, United States navy, commander of the vessel.

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dences of steady growth, ever-widening spheres of influence, and here and there flashes of brilliancy that have been uniformly credited as the accomplishments of the Lowell board of trade, when as a matter of actual fact, they have usually been due principally to the energy, resourcefulness and ability of the secretary.

"The growth of the board of trade since 1910 has been striking and reasonably steady. The records are not particularly definite as to the exact number of members of the board when Secretary Murphy came to the office, but it is safe to place the 1910 number at between 250 and 400. In 1911 the number jumped to 732 and in 1912 there were 738. In 1913 there was a slight recession and it is probable that new membership campaigns were not as active that year, for the total shows 655 members. In 1914 the number rose to 714. In 1915 to 858, and in 1916, tonight, the number is 1024. Incidentally it should be stated that the present total membership quotes only an actual full paid list and represents a decidedly healthy growth and sentiment."

Financial Statement
Mr. Marden read a statement of the financial condition of the board which showed its growth, and continued:

"This financial review is interesting, chiefly as a record and a guide. It is the board's barometer, the steadfastness of which is indicative of actual progress. The obtaining of new members is daily confronting the secretary and officers. A succession of hard working chairmen of the membership committee can testify to the efforts put into the campaigns and their success. It should be noted, however, that the steady growth of the secretary brings in more new members than any sporadic efforts. In the five and one-half years Secretary Murphy has brought in 295 new members. Many of those who have had experience in obtaining new members will readily recognize the meaning of the statement of the number of men brought into this organization by the secretary."

"Accomplishments of the board of trade during this five and one-half year period are notable outside of the daily routine service which Secretary Murphy has rendered. His routine service has been of extraordinary value. Always courteous, uniformly efficient and something which gains in value day by day with expanding experience. Many a question has been shot at him over the telephone by some distracted merchant or manufacturer which has been answered forthwith by the entire satisfaction of the questioner. For accuracy, speed and steady efficiency this system is less spectacular than the things about to be listed, but it is a useful section of the secretary's work."

"The attention of Secretary Murphy was engrossed after he came to the board of trade by the location of the Boston & Maine shops at Billerica. Some know the tremendous amount of time and effort spent on this and all know its ultimate success. The secretary took an active part in the work of framing the new charter for the city, although he was also at all times to keep his efforts clear of politics. He has spent unlimited time in behalf of the special merchandising days, city improvement movements, Lowell celebrations, civic matters of all sorts, transportation details, including passenger and freight traffic, industrial questions, new industries and a thousand and one bits of effective work building up trade or industry as best he could. In bringing the name and fame of Lowell to the forefront, the secretary has worked in the schools, in public meetings, at city hall and in the factories, has visited other cities and states, and has at all times been a ready speaker and booster for Lowell."

Monuments to Secretary
There are several monuments, locally, to Secretary Murphy, some of them wholly of his building and usually largely of his building. The industrial show of a year ago was a sample of how he can carry things through. The new nine-story factory building in Middlesex street, known as the Burgess & Lang building, a striking local development, is directly traceable to Secretary Murphy's efforts and is the culmination of a four-year campaign by him to bring it about. The publication of the Lowell Digest this past summer brought out the talent which the secretary has for tabulation and his versatility in picking out the essentials in local affairs.

"For years Secretary Murphy has been persistently a booster for the Merrimack river navigation project and much of the detailed work of preparing careful arguments for the plan can be credited to him. In the fire insurance controversy now raging here, the secretary is alert, as usual, in providing material and sifting out the facts."

"When it is possible for the secretary to point to these signs of definite achievement during his incumbency, it is evidence that his work has not been in vain."

"At the conclusion of five and one-half years of service by the secretary it is now true that the board of trade is financially and otherwise in its strongest position. The secretary claims no credit for himself, nor would we rightfully grant him full credit for the success, for without the efficient help of directors and members of the board he could not have come through so well, but those who have worked with the secretary on committees or special assignments know full well that the lion's share of the work has been done by him and the greater proportion of the credit is his due."

The people of Lowell, whether members of the board of trade or not, owe a debt of gratitude and appreciation to John H. Murphy. He has been the servant of the merchant and manufacturer, the friend of the unemployed, the helper of the needy and the backbone of every committee, large or small, of the board of trade. For efficient services rendered here, he became the logical choice for the new place to which he has been called. It must be gratifying to him to realize that he retires from the board of trade possessing the confidence of the entire community to an unusual degree."

Reports of Committees
Reports of committees were received. George Bowers spoke on the Merrimack river navigation scheme. Daniel F. Carroll reported for the committee on insurance and fire prevention and Albert J. Mullen for the committee on referenda of the chamber of commerce of the United States. President Marden announced a "Tax Talk" for the evening of Dec. 28, Joseph E. Perry of Boston, attorney for the tax commissioner and expert, will discuss the new law and answer questions. The meeting will be public and if it appears that the rooms of the board will not accommodate the attendance, the meeting will be held in one of the larger halls of the city.

IN BOSTON
The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

FAMILIES NEAR DEATH FROM COAL GAS

Two families had a narrow escape from being asphyxiated by coal gas in a bungalow in High street, North Billerica, early yesterday morning. It was learned today. One woman, Mrs. C. M. Lindahl, was in a serious condition yesterday, but is reported to be much improved today and her recovery is now assured.

Two women and three children were affected. The bungalow is occupied by C. M. Lindahl, his wife and child and a family named Lehelm consisting of three. In the house is a furnace with but one register which heats the whole bungalow. Early yesterday morning something went wrong in the furnace and allowed the coal gas to escape freely. Shortly before 3 o'clock Mrs. Lindahl woke up coughing and

this awakened the other members of the family. They discovered the woman's condition and summoned Dr. Nell K. Forhan. When he arrived Mrs. Lindahl was unconscious and the other occupants, with the exception of the woman's husband, were ill from the coal gas. The children soon recovered but Mrs. Lindahl was slow in coming to and did not fully recover until today. The defect in the furnace that allowed the gas to escape was found and repaired.

Big Christmas Business

The largest Christmas business in the history of the North Billerica post-office is being done at the present time according to Postmaster Neil R. Mahoney. The parcel post business is exceedingly heavy this year, especially the outgoing packages. Postal cards are also being handled in large numbers and a record for Christmas business will easily be established. An increase of approximately 60 per cent. has been made in the volume of matter handled in the North Billerica office during the past two years, states Postmaster Mahoney.

State Senate Chaplain

Rev. Edward A. Horton, chaplain of the state senate, addressed the Women's Alliance of the Unitarian church in Billerica yesterday afternoon. His topic was "Signs of the Times." Rev. Mr. Horton's address was very in-

structive and was keenly enjoyed by the large attendance. Refreshments were served.

WATERWAYS COMMITTEE OFFERS SUGGESTIONS

Mayer O'Donnell has received a communication from the committee on waterways in which the following is contained:

"Within the last twenty-four hours the members of this committee have received notices from several parents that children are skating and sliding on the half frozen rivers and brooks of the city. As a result we are in fear of a serious accident of the kind we desired to remedy by tentative ordinance submitted to the council last summer. A part of this has been put into effect, but that part placing the skating places under the direct control of the superintendent of police has not been considered by the council."

ANOTHER COMMUNICATION

The waterways committee, having addressed a communication to the mayor, and not wishing to slight the superin-

tendent of police, sent the following epistle to the big chief:

"Since the snow storm the members of the committee have noted that the life-saving apparatus about the city has been almost covered by snow in some localities."

"Kindly issue a general order providing that the officers on patrol shall remedy this condition where found. Also kindly direct them after every storm, to remove snow and ice from the coils of rope, and to inspect the same carefully in order to insure a free running line in case of accident. It will soon be time to arrange for the phasing of an officer on the Merrimack river, and the warning standards, for the protection of the skaters."

JESSE BURKETT

Former Lowell Manager Signed to Coach Holy Cross Baseball Nine Next Season

WORCESTER, Dec. 20.—Thomas J. Flaherty, graduate manager of athletics at Holy Cross, announced last night that Jesse C. Burkett has signed a contract to coach the Purple team next season. Burkett succeeds Tom McCarthy, the former Boston National league outfielder. Jesse's contract calls for his presence with the team from Jan. 15 to June 20. He plans to have the battery candidates out Jan. 15 for work in the cage. The infield and outfield candidates will report Feb. 3.

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On account of the embargo on freights from the West, we are receiving all kinds of toys every day. If you don't see what you want here today, come again tomorrow, as we are continually opening new ones. Here are a few of the latest arrivals:—

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| Wolverine Automatic Sand Toys—Priced..... | 50c and \$1.00 | Sherwood Coaster Wagons with shock absorbers..... | \$5.50, \$6.50 |
| More Baby Carriages—Priced..... | 50c to \$10.00 | Shoo Flys—Priced..... | \$1.49 and \$1.79 |
| Another lot of Choo-Choo Cars—Priced..... | \$1.49 and \$1.79 | Sleds—all kinds and prices. | |

Third Floor

SALOONS MUST CLOSE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

The question of whether or not saloons shall have to close on New Year's day has been the subject of considerable controversy among the liquor dealers of the city and the license commission was recently asked for a decision. The commission finds that as the vote of the people at the last state election was an amendment and not an enactment of a new statute that it becomes operative this year and Jan. 1 will be celebrated as a legal holiday. If it were a new act instead of an amendment it would not become effective for another year, and some people were under the impression that saloons would not be obliged

to close their doors on New Year's day. The chapter explaining this question is as follows:

GENERAL ACTS, 1916

Chapter 104: An act to make the first day of January, known as New Year's day, a legal holiday.

Section 1. The ninth clause of section five of chapter eight of the revised laws, as amended by chapter 136 of the acts of the year 1911, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "include" in the first and second lines, the words: the first of January and by striking out the word "four" in the sixth line, and inserting in place thereof the word: five, so as to read as follows: Ninth. The first day of January, the 22d day of February, the 19th day of April, the 20th day of May, the 4th day of July, the first Monday in September, the 12th day of October, Thanksgiving

day and Christmas day, or the day following when any of the five days first mentioned, the 12th day of October or Christmas day occurs on Sunday; and the public offices shall be closed on all of said days.

Section 2. This act shall be referred to the people for their rejection or approval at the polls, and shall be voted on at the next annual state election, and shall become law if approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon. The act shall be referred in the form of the following question to be placed upon the official ballot: "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 1916, to make the first day of January, known as New Year's day, a legal holiday, be approved and become law?"

Big time, Associate, Waushakums, Thursday evening.

FUNERAL NOTICES

AUSTIN—The funeral of Mrs. Nellie A. Austin will take place Friday afternoon from the chapel of C. H. Molloy Sons on Market street. Services will be conducted at 2 o'clock. The body will be placed on the 3.42 train to West Dresden, Me., for burial. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers C. H. Molloy Sons.

BLACK—Died in this city Dec. 20, at her home, 256 Mansur street, Lizzie A. Black, aged 65 years, 18 months. Funeral services will be held from her home, 256 Mansur street, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

BURNS—The funeral of Francis J. Burns will take place Thursday morning at 8.15 o'clock from the home of his parents, 66 Coburn st. High mass of requiem at St. Michael's church at 9 o'clock. Interment will be at St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Funeral Director James W. McKenna.

COTE—The funeral of Joseph M. Cote will take place Friday morning from his late home, 50 Forrest st. at 8 o'clock. High mass of requiem at St. Margaret's church at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of C. H. Molloy Sons.

DAFF—The funeral of Lillian Daff will take place Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of her parents, 11 Mill street. The burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers Higgins Bros.

FOSTER—Died in Boston, Dec. 18, at the Peter Bent Brigham hospital, William R. Foster, aged 41 years. Funeral services will be held at his home, 31 Georgia avenue, this city, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

GOODWIN—Died in this city, Dec. 19, at 105 School street, William J. Goodwin, aged 7 years. Funeral services will be held at 105 School street on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited without further notice. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

HOOPER—Died in this city, Dec. 19, at his home, 7 Belmont street, George Hooper. Funeral services will be held at his home, 7 Belmont street, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends invited without further notice. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

ROBY—Died in this city, Dec. 19, at 374 Pine street, Mrs. Malvina A. Roby, aged 56 years. Funeral services will be held at 374 Pine street on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

SULLIVAN—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Sullivan will take place Friday morning at 9 o'clock from her home, 53 White street. A solemn high mass of requiem will be sung at St. Columba's church at 10 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertaker J. F. O'Donnell & Sons.

WALKER—Died in this city, Dec. 19, at her home, 124 Myrtle street, Abbie O. Walker. Funeral services will be held at the home of R. S. Fenton, 24 Myrtle street, on Thursday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Burial in Manchester, N. H. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

DEATHS

HOOPER—George L. Hooper, for many years a well known resident of Lowell, died yesterday at his home, 7 Belmont street. His wife survives him. Mr. Hooper was born in Woburn, N. H., coming of an ancient New Hampshire lineage, his family having settled in that region before the Revolution and original settlers of Lowell. In 1883, after having engaged in business in Boston, Mr. Hooper came to Lowell and entered the employ of the Shaw Stocking Co. as a salesman. He remained in that capacity until 1891

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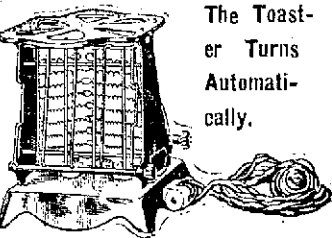
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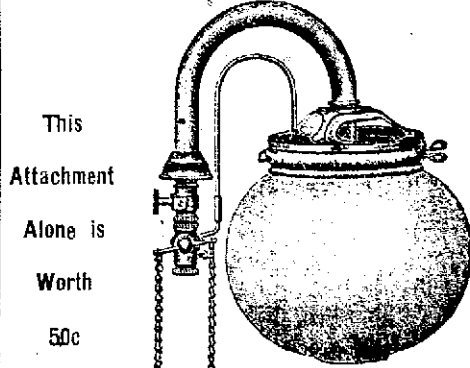
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when he was made agent of the company. Seven years later he retired to Lowell, where he remained for four years. Thereafter he engaged in the real estate business, associating himself with the office of Thos. H. Hafford until in 1908 he determined to abandon business life and return to enjoy a well-earned leisure on the Walpole farm, which he purchased in 1908. Mr. Hooper had spent his summers and indeed the greater part of the year in New Hampshire, although retaining his Lowell residence for the winter. He was an active worker in the First Unitarian church and his interest in charitable and philanthropic institutions was manifested by his service as a director of the Battles home and as treasurer of the People's club. He was a member of The Club and the Vesper-Country club, trustee of the Five Cent Savings bank, and a member of its investment committee.

ROBY—Mrs. Malvina A. Roby died yesterday at her home, 374 Pine street, aged 56 years. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. John E. Dwyer, a step-daughter, Mrs. John Hutton of Danbury, N. H., and three sisters, Mrs. Frank Perkins of Warner, N. H.; Mrs. Wilma N. Bly of East Concord, N. H.; and Mrs. George Gage, also of East Concord, N. H.

WALKER—Miss Abbie O. Walker died yesterday at her home, 124 Myrtle street, after a very short illness. She had served as a faithful employee in the office of the Lawrence Manufacturing Co. for over 25 years and was a member and regular attendant at St. Anne's church in whose work she was deeply interested. She leaves several nieces.

COTE—Joseph M. Cote died yesterday at St. John's hospital, aged 54 years. He leaves his wife, Catherine; three sons, Isadore, Joseph J., and Robert Cote of Lowell; one daughter, Sister Catherine of the Order of St. Joseph of Allston; two brothers, Chas. Cote of Lowell and Joseph Cote of this city, and five sisters, Mrs. J. Garriety, Mrs. J. B. Gosselin, Mrs. F. E. Lavelle and Mrs. J. A. Lavigne, all of Montreal, and Mrs. G. A. Talbot, Rimouski, Canada. Deceased was a member of the Railway Clerks association and was employed as a checker at the freight house in Thordike st. The body was taken to his home, 50 Forrest street.

ANNART—Mrs. Marietta Annart, wife of James H. Annart, passed away at the home of her daughter in Woburn yesterday after a long illness. She is survived by four sons, George P. of Lowell, Albert J. of Bradford, N. H., Harry L. of North Yarmouth, Wash., Arthur H. of Pittsburgh; one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis of Woburn, and nine grandchildren.

DUFF—Lillian Duff, infant child of William and Pauline (Evans) Duff, died today at the home of her parents, 11 Mill street, aged one year and one month.

BLACK—Mrs. Lizzie A. Black died this morning at her home, 256 Mansur street, aged 65 years. She leaves her daughter, Maude F. Black. Mrs. Black was president of the Educational club, and treasurer of the Women's Temperance union, and will be remembered by residents of Tewksbury as Lizzie A. Black, where she taught school for several years. Mrs. Black was an attendant of Kirk St. Congregational church.

SULLIVAN—Mrs. Mary Sullivan wife of Michael Sullivan and an esteemed and devout attendant of St. Columba's church died last night at her home, 32 White street. Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Mrs. George Crograve and Mrs. James Jones, two sons, William F. and John A. Sullivan, and a grandchild. Deceased was a member of the Holy Rosary sodality of St. Columba's church.

FUNERALS

CUMBA—The funeral of Frank S. Cumba took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, Manuel and Maria Cumba, 2 Molloy's Court. Services were conducted by Rev. St. Anthony's church, Rev. C. M. Fernandes officiating. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertakers M. H. McDonough & Sons.

MARSHALL—The funeral of Charles A. Marshall was held from his home, 18 Montserrat street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. R. G. Clapp, pastor of the First Unitarian Congregational church. Deceased was a member of the Centralville Lodge and Elphingham, L.O.O.F. The bearers were Messrs. George H. Frye, Daniel G. Ryan, Frank George and Charles Duff. Burial was in the family lot in the Metcalf cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck.

TAPPAN—The body of William Bennett Tappan, the man who was found dead in his room at the Middlesex Tavern, was sent Wednesday to Meriden, N. H., where burial will be made in the family lot in the Metcalf cemetery. The arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

BEAUREGARD—The funeral of Alexander Beaugard took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of the parents, 718 Lakeside avenue. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery under the direction of Undertakers Anedee Archambault & Son.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS IS APPRECIATIVE

Telegraph operators in the employ of the Associated Press have received notice of a tentative plan approved by the board of directors for sick benefits at the expense of the company.

The board has authorized the creation of a committee of five to arrange for the creation of a system of sick relief benefits, the entire expense to be borne by the Associated Press. Three members of the committee are to be selected by the members of the traffic department, the traffic manager and the treasurer, also to serve upon the committee. It is stated in the notice that this is done in appreciation of the esprit de corps of the traffic department.

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It comes from the Norway fisheries.

Children take it without perspiration.

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63 MARKET STREET

GEORGE RIVET IS BACK FROM QUEBEC

George Rivet, champion welterweight boxer of Canada, returned to Lowell this morning after spending a few days in Quebec, where he had a ten-round bout with Danny Fields of New York. With the exception of a badly swollen hand the young champion is in the best of condition and he is now training to meet Robson in a ten-round bout in Lawrence New Year's afternoon.

In his bout with Fields Rivet failed to land over a knockout blow, but at the end of the ten rounds he was given the decision, despite the fact that he fought eight rounds with but one hand. While in Quebec Rivet met another Lowell boy, Joseph Bisailon, a wrestler of great repute, who is now doing theatrical work. Mr. Bisailon played at the Crystal theatre and scored a tremendous success. This week he is playing in Halifax, N. S.

MAJ. GEN. VON ZIETEN DEAD

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 20. The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger announces the death of Maj. Gen. Ernst von Zieten, commander of the 15th reserve division. General von Zieten died at Dantzig as the result of an operation.

REVIVAL OF ICE TENNIS

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Five prominent tennis players participated in a revival of ice tennis here last night. Two of the first ten ranking players were among the five, Watson M. Washburn and Dean Mathey. The others were Frederick B. Alexander, Theodore Roosevelt Pell and Francis T. Hunter. Washburn and Mathey played several sets of doubles against Alexander and Pell. The players served, drove and volleyed with much of the same dash and skill which they displayed on dirt or grass courts. Being on skates did not interfere with their play appreciably.

The court on which the men played was marked out with painted black lines and the regulation tennis ball was used. There is talk of arranging an ice tournament.

LETTER FROM LOWELL BOY IN FRANCE

A letter of unusual interest has just been received by a member of The Sun staff from Joseph Bixby, formerly of Lowell, but now connected with the American ambulance field service, France. Mr. Bixby worked for several years in this city but for a year or more had been connected with the McLean hospital, Waverly, Mass. Early in November he enrolled in the Amer-

ican ambulance field service, and the letter was written from headquarters, 21 Rue Raymond, Paris. Following is Mr. Bixby's letter:

Sunday, Nov. 26.

I thought that you would like to



JOSEPH BIXBY
American Ambulance, France

hear from the front — almost — so here goes! A group of twenty-five young Americans came along with me on the French line steamer "Espagne" to join the field service of the American ambulance in France. We arrived in Paris on Tuesday, November 21, and are spending 10 days at the ambulance headquarters here in Paris to become acclimated, receive inoculations for smallpox, typhoid, paraty-

phoid, secure uniforms, permits of residence, etc. In these war times one has to be very careful about passports, registration, police identifications, "permis de séjour," etc. and one must never go abroad without these papers.

We have intimations that we will be despatched to the front for service Tuesday. We will be conveyed by a French officer with sealed orders like Abraham who went out by train, not knowing whether he went, or not, to be attached to the French army "somewhere at the front."

Thus far my whole trip has been full of novelty and interest, and it promises to be far more so in a very few days. On the boat coming over were several notable including A. Pratt Andrews of Harvard, inspector general of the American ambulance field service; several French officers and purchasing agents; an Italian princess, Mrs. Andrea Boncompagni.

who was an American girl, Margaret Preston Driver, and many others. In Paris every day is full of joy for us. This is the most wonderful city I have ever seen. Such beautiful streets, bridges, palaces, churches, parks and gardens! Such a number of magnificent public buildings and monuments! The entire plan of the city is substantial, systematic and complete. I do not think that anything in America can compare with it, though Washington may be as beautiful in some respects.

Notwithstanding all the beauties of Paris the chief desire of all the boys is to get out into service with the French army, where we hope in a small way to relieve the suffering of the wounded and remedy something of the debt we owe to France for Lafayette's aid in the American revolution.

Sincerely,
Joseph Bixby.

WILL HOLD CONVENTION TO REVISE CONSTITUTION

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 20.—In a proclamation issued today, Governor McCall officially advises the people of the commonwealth that the vote at the state election last month was in favor of holding a convention for the purpose of revising the constitution, and calls upon them to elect delegates to such convention, the election to be held in all cities and towns in the commonwealth on Tuesday, the first

day of May. The proclamation is as follows.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
By His Excellency the Governor

A Proclamation
Concerning the Calling and Holding of a Constitutional Convention

"Whereas, by an act of the general court of this commonwealth approved on the third day of April, nineteen hundred and sixteen, entitled 'An act to ascertain and carry out the will of the people relative to the calling and holding of a constitutional convention,' being chapter 58 of the general acts of the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, it is provided that the secretary of the commonwealth shall cause to be placed on the official ballot to be used at the annual state election for the year nineteen hundred and sixteen the following question: 'Shall there be a convention to revise, alter, or amend the constitution of the commonwealth?'; and

"Whereas, provision is made in said act for the due return of the votes upon this question to the secretary of the commonwealth and for the opening and examining of said votes by the governor and council; and

"Whereas, it is further provided that if it shall appear that a majority of said votes is in the affirmative that the governor shall in his proclamation call upon the people to elect delegates to the convention at a special election to be held in all the cities and towns of the commonwealth on the first Tuesday in May in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen; and

"Whereas, the said question was placed upon said ballot by the secretary of the commonwealth; and

"Whereas, the votes upon said question have been duly returned to the secretary of the commonwealth and opened and examined by the governor and council;

"Now, therefore, I, Samuel W. McCall, governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby declare and make known that upon an examination in the manner provided by said act of all the votes upon this question it appears that the whole number of votes in the affirmative is 217,762, and that the whole number of votes in the negative is 120,979, from which it appears that a majority of said votes is in the affirmative.

"And, therefore, by virtue of the authority contained in said act, I do hereby call upon the people to elect delegates to the convention aforesaid at a special election to be held in all the cities and towns of the commonwealth on the first Tuesday in May in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen, in accordance with the provisions of said act and in the manner therein provided.

"Given at the executive chamber in Boston, this nineteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fortieth.

"By His Excellency the Governor,
Samuel W. McCall.

Albert P. Langtry,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOYT.

CARD OF THANKS
We, the undersigned, wish to thank all those who by words of sympathy and direct tributes helped to lighten the sorrow in the death of our beloved daughter and sister, Edith.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thornley and Family.

LICENSE COMMISSION
The license commission held its regular meeting last evening and granted the following minor licenses: Express, Kostas, 110 Essex St. Prince St. drivers' permits, Nicholas Theodore for James Caban & Co., and B. J. M. Mann for P. P. Cox & Co., public amusement, 224 Merrimack street. The license held by Christos Choules, at 322 Market street, was transferred to 186 Market street, and the lunch cart license of Elmer E. Chase, at East Merrimack and Stackpole streets, was surrendered and cancelled and reassigned to John G. Elliott at the same location.

Support the city
that supports you
**BELIEVE IN
LOWELL**
Support the home
industries and mer-
chants & we will have
permanent prosperity
Keep the dollar at home
& you will see it again

Lowell, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1916

A. G. POLLARD CO.

LOWELL'S BIGGEST AND BEST CHRISTMAS STORE

This should be the happiest Christmas Lowell has ever known, and it bids fair to be, if one judges by the crowds of eager shoppers which throng this store from opening until closing time. The greatest Christmas business you've ever asked us to handle. But our stocks are equal to the occasion—our service ample for your satisfaction. Store is ready at 9 o'clock in the morning. CLOSED TO-NIGHT and open Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Again we ask you to carry the smallest parcels and PLEASE use your address slips in charging.

MADE IN FRANCE BY WOUNDED SOLDIERS

We have just received a shipment of goods from the war camps of Europe, goods made in the hospitals by the wounded soldiers of France.

The articles consist of basketry, tidies, doilies, mats, scarfs and blankets of various shapes, sizes and colors.

The collection was made by W. E. Bristol, one of the Y. M. C. A. camp secretaries in France. Mr. Bristol is a brother of W. A. Bristol, Membership and Educational Secretary of the local Young Men's Christian Association.

Each article has a tag which gives the name of the man who did the work, the particulars concerning the nature of his wound, and the place where he was wounded.

The full amount of the money received from the sale of these goods is returned to the families of the men making the articles.

Come in and see these beautiful pieces before they are all gone.

USEFUL GIFTS CAN BE FOUND IN THE

Rug and Drapery Dept.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Shirt Waist Boxes..... | \$1.98 to \$10.00 | Kimono Art Silk..... | 49c a Yard |
| Cedar Chests..... | \$9.00 to \$29.00 | Kimono Art Satins..... | 59c a Yard |
| Screens..... | \$5.00 to \$9.00 | Silk Velour Pillow Squares..... | .75c a Yard |
| Couch Covers..... | .98c to \$12.50 | Silk Damask Pillow Squares..... | .39c a Yard |
| Rope Portieres..... | \$2.50 to \$10.00 | Fringed Rugs..... | \$1.25 to \$9.00 |
| Tapestry Portieres..... | \$2.50 to \$18.00 | Art Squares..... | \$10.00 to \$75.00 |
| Silk Portieres..... | \$7.50 to \$20.00 | Serim Curtains..... | .49c to \$6.00 |
| Velour Portieres..... | \$5.00 to \$25.00 | Lace Curtains..... | .39c to \$15.00 |
| | | Vacuum Cleaners..... | \$2.98 to \$29.98 |

BASEMENT BARGAIN DEPARTMENT

Blankets Make Gifts That Are
Always Appreciated



Especially good ones, and here is your one chance to get good ones cheap. Of course you know wool is constantly advancing in price, therefore causing the retail store to advance, but we bought these blankets some time ago, and getting them at the old price enables us to offer them to you today at such a low figure.

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| All Wool Blankets..... | \$10.00 to \$22.00 Pair |
| Cotton and Wool Blankets..... | \$3.00 to \$10.00 |
| Wool Finish Blankets..... | \$2.00 to \$3.50 Pair |

COTTON PUFFS

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| Cotton Puffs..... | \$2.00 to \$5.00 |
| Wool Puffs, silk and satin covering..... | \$3.00 to \$10.00 |
| Wool Puffs, silk and satin covering..... | \$10.00 to \$17.00 |
| Down Puffs, French satin covering..... | \$5.00 to \$10.00 |
| Down Puffs, silk and satin covering..... | \$10.00 to \$19.00 |

COMFORT BLANKETS

200 Comfort Blankets, all new designs and new colorings, in large variety of combinations of colors; \$3.00 value at..... \$2.00 Each

BASEMENT

FOR BATH ROBES

Bath Robe Blankets, in large variety of patterns, light and dark colors, all new combination of colors with cord and tassels to match, at..... \$2.50 and \$3.00

BED SPREADS

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| Crochet Spreads..... | \$1.00 to \$2.50 |
| Satin Finish..... | \$2.50 to \$6.00 |
| Satin Finish Set, Spread and Sham to match, at..... | \$4.00 |
| About 75 Fine Satin Finish Spreads, very fine quality and printed in handsome design; \$5.00 value, each spread in a box. Special at..... | \$2.35 Each |

LADIES' NECKWEAR

At Very Low Prices

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| 150 Dozen Ladies' New Neckwear, fine embroidered organdies, in all the newest styles, also fine Irish lace neckwear at about half price. | |
| 25c to 50c Neckwear at..... | 15c |
| 75c to \$1.00 Neckwear at..... | 49c |
| Special lot of assorted Neckwear, 50c value, at..... | 25c |

SILK SCARFS AT \$1.50 EACH—About 200 Silk Scarfs, in all the new stripes and plain colors, pure silk thread and fibre silk, subject to small manufacturer's imperfections; \$2.00 to \$4.00 value, at..... \$1.50

Ladies' Pure Silk Thread Sweaters; \$5.00 to \$15.00 value, at..... \$3.50 Each

Now on sale, about 250 Ladies' Pure Silk Thread Sweaters in all the latest styles and all the colors, subject to small manufacturer's imperfection; \$5.00 to \$15.00 value. All one price..... \$3.50

BASEMENT

Store open
Thursday,
Friday and
Saturday
Evenings.

THE JAMES CO

Merrimack Street, Corner of Palmer

Store opens
Thursday,
Friday and
Saturday at
9 a. m.

Ten Holiday Suggestions To Make Christmas Shopping Easy

Cosy Blanket Bath Robes

Well-made bath robes of Beacon blankets in delicate pastel shades of rose, gray, blue and lavender; also Navajo Indian designs in rich brown, red, blue and orange colorings.

2.95

CAMISOLES

for Gifts

With evening gowns and the sheer, filmy blouses favored by fashion, camisoles become a necessity. Many dainty styles of flesh and white of washable satin with trimmings of lace and blue ribbon.

95c

Imported Novelty BAGS

All the way from Paris and just waiting to be gifts. Navy or black moire taffeta, embroidered with cut steel beads; fitted with mirror and coin purse.

2.95

Flowered Taffeta PETTICOATS

A wide full model of supple chiffon taffeta with scalloped flounces, gorgeous flowered designs on backgrounds of taupe, king blue, purple, hunter and apple green.

3.95

Brushed Wool SCARFS

Indispensable for out-of-door folks and devotees of winter sports. Fringed and striped scarfs in gold, rose, brown, green and white.

95c

Crepe de chine CHEMISES

Dainty refined styles that any woman would be charmed to receive. Tops and shoulder straps of shadow and imitation filet lace; flesh only.

1.95

Japanese Quilted VESTS

A friendly gift which tells of your consideration of another's comfort, and is surely to be highly appreciated. Sleeveless quilted vests of black and white China silk.

95c

Crepe de chine WAISTS

Dozens of styles in flesh, white or black crepe de chine. Tailored blouses with hemstitching and tucking. Dressy blouses with embroidered fronts.

2.49

KIMONOS From Japan

Rose, shell pink, wisteria, sky and Hagen blue cotton crepe; band embroidered by the Japanese, in floral designs.

1.95

Silk Hosiery

for Gifts

Pure silk Gordon hosiery in all the wanted colors; gold, brown, pink, gray, suede, navy, pearl, Hagen blue, white and black.

1.00

TURKEY YIELDS TO RELEASE 200 AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. — The 200 Americans detained in Syria and Palestine by the Turkish military authorities have been granted permission to leave by way of Beirut on condition that they return at Beirut for a month to make valueless any military information they may have.

The United States has repeatedly made diplomatic efforts to free the Americans, some of whom are missionaries and others naturalized citizens, and until now each effort has been thwarted by the Turkish military commander.

Ambassador Elkus at Constantinople reported the Porte's action to the state department today. Efforts will be made to have the time of internment shortened.

SERGT. SHARKEY DIED SUDDENLY TODAY

SERGT. HENRY D. SHARKEY, U.S.A., RETIRED, PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING

Sergeant Henry D. Sharkey, U.S.A., retired, died suddenly this morning at his home, 211 Appleton street, aged 62 years. Deceased had not been feeling well for the past few months, but his condition was not considered serious. Yesterday he complained of feeling badly, but did not take to his bed. Shortly after he got up this morning he was taken seriously ill and quickly passed away.

Sergeant Sharkey enlisted in the 15th Infantry in 1888 and served Uncle Sam until about nine years ago when he retired at San Francisco. He went to his home in Jewett City, Conn., and a year later he came to Lowell and has made his home here since. He is survived by three sisters in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

ALLS WELL THAT ENDS WELL
A boy, whose name could not be learned, had a narrow escape from being run over by an electric car at 5 o'clock this morning. The boy, slightly injured, was taken to the hospital. The car, which was on the corner of Kirk street and without looking or listening he started on a run across the street. At that moment an outboard Buick motor car was passing by the Moody street car and fortunately for the boy he slipped and fell just before reaching the other tracks. The fall probably saved his life, for the other car went by before the lad was on his feet again.

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS
The case of Frank J. McQuade, pro am, vs. Burton E. Watson, an action of tort for \$1000 by which the plaintiff sought to recover for alleged injuries caused by the dog of the defendant was brought to a close this forenoon in the civil session of the superior court. The jury returned a verdict of \$30. The verdict amounts to \$50, however, for the law provides that double damages be given in the case of dog bites. The court then adjourned until the April session.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

COPPER THIEVES

Continued
ent. He said that both men were employed by a construction company that is building a storehouse for the Appleton Co. They stole the copper wire, he said, and sold it to junk men. One time they threw the wire on a team that was going out of the yard and later sold it to a man passing a hand cart. The thief got \$1.50 for this lot and grand \$2.50. Another time they carried some wire in a cement bag to Suffolk street and sold it to a junk dealer. Major Noyes said that he had learned that Grand had been selling copper to a junk dealer for some time, using an assumed name. Some head has also been missed from the job, said the major.

Prolet claimed that he was induced to assist in the larceny by Grand, who explained to him how easy it was to make a little extra money. Both men have families. Mrs. Prolet appeared in court and said that her husband was her only support and for this reason the court imposed a suspended sentence. Grand claimed to have eight children and his case was continued to investigate his story.

Case Was Dropped

When Morris Friedman, aged 15 years, was arraigned on a continuance charged with larceny in three counts or 50 cents, in connection with the alleged misrepresentation of a suit club with headquarters in Boston. Supt. Welch stated that the complainants had been returned their money and were satisfied to allow the case to drop without any further prosecution. It is claimed that Thomas Mulvey, William Curd and Thomas P. Gallagher, three local young men, had started to make payments in a club and after a certain sum had been turned in, each was to secure a new suit. When it was discovered that the scheme was a flim flam game, Friedman was arrested. His counsel said this morning that the young man was simply acting as a collector and had absolutely nothing to do with the contracts. In order to save the boy from a criminal record, the case was placed on file on a plea of nolo.

Got Four Months

A sentence of four months in the house of correction was handed to Thomas P. Murray after he had been found guilty of larceny of a watch and chain from James Pollard, a drunkard. Murray admitted being drunk but denied the larceny charge. Pollard said that he met Murray in Gorham street Monday and that during a short conversation he was relieved of a silver watch and chain. A man who was standing across the street saw Murray take the watch and disappear in the vicinity of Charles street. He followed him and turned him over to Sergeant Petrie, who found the watch in his possession.

Murray said that he and the complainant had been drinking together and after they had spent all their money, Pollard suggested that Murray take the watch and secure a couple of dollars on it. "It was all a drunken affair," he said. Defendant admitted having been released from jail a few weeks ago after serving seven months for unlawfully taking a horse and wagon. At that time he also claimed that it was a drunken affair. He appeared from the four month sentence today and was held in \$300 for the superior court.

A Delinquent Husband

John E. Horne had a narrow escape from receiving a long sentence in the house of correction after pleading guilty to a charge of failing to support his minor child. Mrs. Horne said that her husband had not given her anything toward the support of the child since last Christmas when he bought two pairs of shoes. Recently, said Mrs. Horne, he took some furniture and sold it to a second-hand dealer for \$31, saying that his wife was dead. He refused to give her any of the money he received for it. His Honor was about to impose a five month sentence on the house of correction but Mrs. Horne was willing to give the man another chance. The sentence

IT IS A PLAY THAT REACHES THE HEART BECAUSE IT DEALS WITH A NATION-WIDE TOPIC, "BIRTH CONTROL."

GET SEATS EARLY

Arrange Your Christmas Shopping so that You Will Not Fail to see this Great Appealing Play.

NEXT WEEK—"IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE"

BATTLE OF MUSIC
Miner's, Doyle's and Broderick's Orchestras
WITH THE PONIES
Associate Hall, Friday Eve., Dec. 22
Admission 25 Cents

B. F. KEITH'S
The Amusement Centre of Lowell

ALL THIS WEEK

Direct from B. F. Keith's Theatre, Boston

Bert Lamont
—AND HIS—
COWBOYS
In a Round-Up of Mirth and Melody

The Musical Comedy Girl
CLARA HOWARD
In Songs and Stories

Al Girard and Sylvia Clark
Modern Vaudeville Frolics

Wallace Bradley & Grette Ardine
In Their Dance and Singing Surprise

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BLANCHE SLOANE

THOMAS TRIO

PATHE NEWS PICTORIAL

was imposed and suspended for one year on condition that he pay five dollars a week to Probation Officer Slattery.

Made Civil Settlement
Stephen O'Halloran, Joseph Pool, Dennis O'Neil and James Connelly were called on continuance charged with assault and battery on William Gauffette. George F. Tove, representing the defendant, stated that civil settlement had been made and the case was placed on file.

James A. Grim, who was arraigned yesterday and pleaded guilty to larceny of a newspaper from Louis Zaker, explained today that he had previously made an arrangement to purchase a paper every day from Zaker and pay weekly. His case was placed on file.

THIS PLAY HAS CAUSED MORE TALK THAN ANY OTHER TWO PLAYS EVER PRODUCED.

Something Doing From Start to Finish

The Sites-Emerson Company, by Special Arrangement with Sanger and Jordan, Presents the Emerson Players in

EVERYMAN'S CASTLE

A Play With Punch and a Purpose That All Grownups Should See for the Lesson it Teaches.
Positively Limited to One Week. Owing to Previous Contracts

OPERA HOUSE
The Theatre of Big Things

Owl THEATRE
Today and Tomorrow

BIG DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAM

The Famous Southern Beauty

VIRGINIA PEARSON in

"The War Bride's Secret"

A powerful and heart-stirring story dealing with the conditions caused by the great war, now being waged in Europe.

ALSO SHOWING ON THE SAME PROGRAM

RHEA MITCHELL in "The Overcoat"

A new sociological drama that will touch the heart strings.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

COMING FRIDAY and SATURDAY—CHARLIE CHAPLIN

ROYAL THEATRE
TODAY AND TOMORROW

"The Shielding Shadow" AND

"The Girl From Frisco"

Many Other Attractions

JEWEL THEATRE
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

2ND EPISODE OF THE SEQUEL To the Diamond From the Sky

"Beatrice Fairfax" and others

USUAL PRICES

RUNNING RACES AT THE ROLLAWAY
SATURDAY NIGHT, DEC. 23 AND MONDAY NIGHT (CHRISTMAS), DEC. 25th.

Some of Lowell's Best Men Entered.

CITY COUNCIL

Continued

street, clerk. A recess was declared until 11:30. The session was resumed at noon.

Commissioner Duncan introduced an order relative to the balancing of the city's books, and it was passed.

A claim for personal injuries was received from Mrs. Margaret Furey of Northern street, who contends she was injured by falling on Cross street. Referred to the law department.

Daniel Sakalarias presented a bill for \$14.00 for injuries to store property on Market street arising from Dummer street blasting, and it was approved.

Commissioner Donnelly moved that \$350 be paid to Daniel J. Leary for extras on a bill incurred in 1911, and it was so voted.

Locks & Canals

The Locks & Canals corporation, through their representative, Mr. Badger, said that they would prefer to leave the land on the river bank at Pawtucketville that the city talks about seizing. They would lease, they said, for a term of 50 years or less, for \$19 a year. Commissioner Morse and Duncan agreed with the position of the Locks & Canals and the mayor suggested that action be postponed until the rest of the land is seized.

James J. McDonald put in a claim for \$318.21 damages to cottage at 84 Bartlett street, through the alleged falling of a tree. The claim was allowed.

A claim for \$1350 was presented by Joseph P. Kearney for land damages at the taking of land for the new high school and the order was approved.

That Chassis Again

Commissioner Putnam again brought

up the matter of purchasing a ladder truck chassis for the fire department. He read the order which called for the purchase of a white chassis at \$3500 and the turning in of the old truck at the Central Firehouse.

Com. Duncan asked whether the chassis is needed more than cars for the district chiefs and Com. Morse said that the chiefs should have two new cars and that no other city would hesitate about purchasing them. He has seen the present cars stop on the way to a fire, he said, and he would like to see new cars if the money voted for the chassis were transferred.

Mayor O'Donnell said that the light cars used have given good service but are now worn out.

Com. Putnam said that cars for district chiefs are needed badly but that the truck is also needed, and he would like to be authorized to purchase the truck.

He said, however, that the money could not be used to better advantage than for the purchase of new cars for the fire chiefs, and expressed willingness to withdraw motion and call for specifications for new cars for district chiefs. He withdrew his motion and said he will introduce order tomorrow for two new cars for the district chiefs.

County Commissioners

A communication was received from the county commissioners relative to the proportionate share of cost for the construction of the new First street boulevard. Following is the letter which was received and placed on file.

Middlesex County Commission
East Cambridge, Dec. 19, 1916.

Mr. Stephen Kearney,
City Engineer, Lowell, Mass.
Dear Sir:

In the opinion of the county commissioners the county should pay the city of Lowell, on account of the con-

Merrimack Sq. Theatre

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DEC. 21, 22, 23



LOU TELLEGEN.
OF THE VICTORIA CROSS
(LASKY - PARAMOUNT)

THE FAMOUS DRAMATIC ACTOR,

Lou - Tellegen

HUSBAND OF GERALDINE FARRAR

—IN—

"THE VICTORIA CROSS"

Mr. Lou-Tellegen is supported by a cast of typical excellence including Cleo Ridgely and Mabel Van Buren.

Robert Warwick
And MOLLIE KING In "ALL MAN"

A splendid comedy vein runs throughout the entire piece and brightens the whole action of the play. Some of the most beautiful scenery in the country has been used as a setting for the action of the play.

BURTON HOLMES TRAVELS—OTHER PHOTOPLAY

Coming Sunday—"The Governor's Lady"

WINTER EXCURSION

BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD

TO
MONTREAL
OR
QUEBEC

Dec. 22 or 23 or 29 or 30

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Commissioner Putnam asked for authorization to purchase two horses from C. H. Hanson Co. for a sum not in excess of \$250. The horses have been used in the fire department, he said, and have been proved satisfactory.

DR. FLENNER ELECTED

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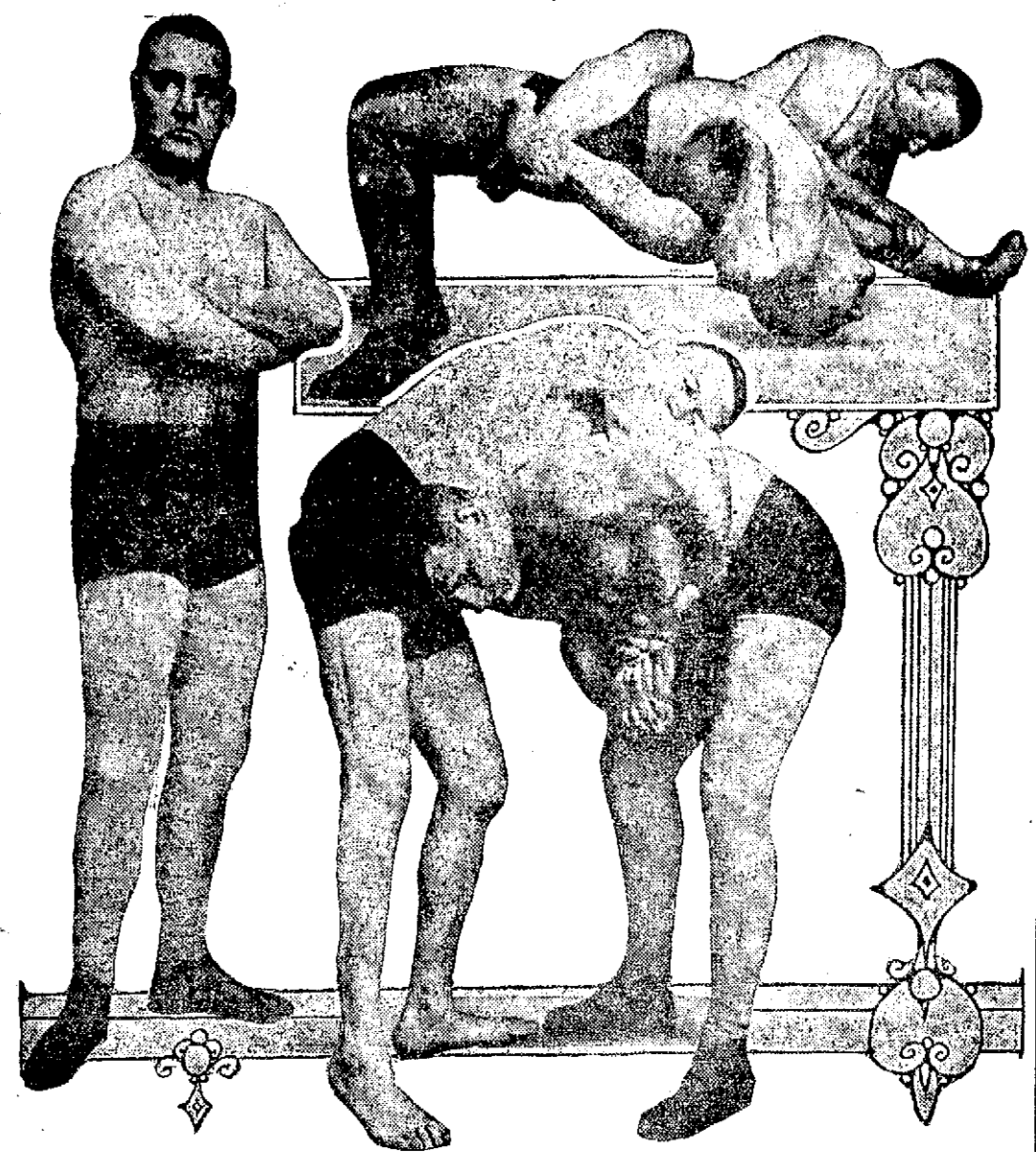
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WRESTLING WORLD TREATED TO SURPRISE WHEN OLIN, DEFEATED JOE STECHER



SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 20.—The sporting world was treated to a big surprise recently when Joe Stecher, the Nebraska wrestling whirlwind, lost to John L. Olin, the Finn, here. The champion had figured that Olin would be an easy mark, but met with the biggest surprise of his young life. Olin has come to the front with a rush, and his decision over Stecher has caused a veritable sensation in wrestling circles in the west, where Stecher was considered unbeatable. In the Springfield match Olin resisted Stecher's scissors hold, for more than twenty minutes one time and for four, another. Stecher had the scissors hold, but he could not pin Olin.

The giant Finlander from Worcester, to the mat. This is how Olin got the decision over Stecher. After wrestling more than two hours the men rolled off a low platform to the floor. Then Stecher struck Olin in the face. Olin grabbed Stecher around the wrists and threw him over some chairs. Then Olin walked back on the mat to await the return of Stecher. The western wrestler looked at Olin and without a word turned away and walked to his dressing room. Referee Jim Barnes awarded the victory to Olin. Olin has been in this country about three years and a half. During this time he has wrestled but few times owing to the fact that other mat artists did not

leave for his game. He finished second in the 1912 Olympic wrestling contests held in Stockholm, Sweden. Olin is about thirty years old and is 5 feet 10 1/2 inches in height and tips the beam around 265 pounds. Hjalmer Lundin, the Swedish champion, who is training the new mat wonder, says Olin will tour the country, meeting all comers, during the next few months and later give Stecher a chance to regain his lost title. Photo on left shows Olin stripped for action. Picture in upper right shows Lundin applying scissors hold on Olin. Lower one shows Olin, underneath, using his favorite arm and wrist lock on his trainer.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

B. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

A voice like no other in the world is that possessed by Bert Lamont, the lyric contralto, who, with his five cowboy singers, topline the bill at the Keith theatre, this week. Everything in this act bespeaks class. Lamont sings all of the popular numbers in a manner which is quite fascinating, and the vocal accompaniments are decidedly rich. The setting of the act is also a feature worthy of note. In the act of Wallace Bradley and Grette Ardine there is flashed into view a rare combination of singing, dancing and triple bicycling. It sounds ordinary, but is really anything but that. Dainty Miss Ardine is one of the most fascinating of young women, and Mr. Bradley does everything splendidly. This is a king-of-the-air act. Al Gerard and Sylvia Clark are fun-makers, pure and simple. Miss Clark is like unto no other comedienne on the stage, and with Gerard she gives 15 minutes of pure laughter. Clara Howard's singing of numbers ranging from grave to gay and her imitation of Charlie Chaplin are things worthy of attention, while the sound and Orr in singing and piano playing purvey good entertainment. Miss Orr's personation of Kitty Gordon in "The Enchantress" is decidedly high class. Blanche Sloan, one of the most daring of aerialists, opens the bill with a rattling good manner, while the Thomas Trio, of trampolining bounders closes it well. The Pathe News motion pictures are most interesting. Good seats for all performances may be obtained in advance at the box office. Phone 28.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

"Everyman's Castle," that brilliant dramatic sensation by William Anthony Maguire, this week's offering of the Emerson Players at the Opera House, is the biggest hit that Lowell has known in a good many years and the demand for seats is indication that many hundreds who wait until the last minute will be unable to secure seats. Now is the time to make reservations so arrange your shopping tours accordingly and do not fail to see this truly remarkable attraction. The play is woven around Dick and Ruth Brant, a young married couple. The husband, Dick, is a doctor who visits the home, is horrified when he finds he is to be disappointed and consults the doctor. There are many wonderful dramatic moments in the play which are lived up here and there by splendid comedy lines. Gladys McLeod as Ruth Brant is certainly winning her way into the hearts of Lowell playgoers this week by her splendid characterization of Ruth Brant while Ivan Miller as Dick Brant is better than any other. Edward Vincent as Dr. Calvert is exceptionally good. Gertrude Shirley as Dottie Bennett does nicely while James Hazden as Harold Speers and William Kinsel as Evelyn Martin are the chief fun-makers. Rose Morrison as Hilda, the maid, is very good. The scenic production, too, is on a high scale, all new effects being used. Next week, starting with a special Christmas day matinee at 2 o'clock, the Emerson Players will present "It Pays to Advertise," which comes direct from a year's run in New York, a year in London, and a year in Paris. It is a long engagement in all the big cities. Miss Anna O'Day will be seen in the leading role and Ivan Miller, Robert Warwick, Mary other pictures including the Burton Holmes travel pictures will also be shown at the Merrimack Square theatre during the next three days of this week.

Christmas day, the matinee will start at 3 o'clock, giving everyone an opportunity to enjoy the play. Dinner and then attend the matinee performance. Seats are now selling and going fast so make reservations early. Advt.

OWL THEATRE

A background of heather lends enchantment to the new Fox feature film, "The Way Back," which comes to the Owl theatre today and tomorrow. Appearing in the stellar role of this wonderful story of a bonnie Scottish lass in the way back is the famous southern beauty, Virginia Pearson, one of the really popular stars of the motion picture world. The story tells of a young girl who, in order to obey her father, takes for a husband a man whom she does not love. All the quiet humor and simple pathos of the characteristic Scotch plaidman are depicted in this film in a very pleasing manner. The young girl is secretly wed to the man she loves just before he leaves for the front. Later on her father compels her to wed a wealthy farmer and bearing to divorce her secretly, she goes, when she learns that her husband is reported to be dead. How, during the two years which follow, she still thinks of her lover and how he, in return, wards her husband, causes him to leave her on the very day the soldier returns, wounded from the front, forms one of the most heart-stirring pictures ever released from the Fox studios.

"The Overcoat" is the peculiar name to the new Mutual picture, which will also be shown at the Owl today and tomorrow. This new play is a sociological drama, with Rhia Mitchell in the leading role. It shows in a very powerful manner, that solitude is found in the vast stretches of plains and forests, but loneliness is to be found only in the crowded haunts of man. It shows that it is the poor man who sees his fellows on all sides enjoying happiness, who really knows the bitter pangs of loneliness. It was the loneliness which brought together the two leading roles of this new play, and how they once more regained happiness forms a story which is bound to please all.

Other excellent attractions will also be presented at the Owl theatre today and tomorrow.

MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE

Those who are anxious to see one of the greatest screen productions of one of Dickens' best works should attend the Merrimack Square theatre today and see Marie Dora in "Oliver Twist," elaborately presented in five interesting acts. The time to come is today for this excellent bill will be substituted tomorrow for another equally as good. This is also the day of the final presentation of the greatest Chaplin feature, "The Tramp," a blending together of the funniest scenes of his three big successes, "The Tramp," "A Night Out," and "The New Job." The result of this combination is the biggest and funniest comedy this star has ever put across. The Pathe News, a comedy and other plays will also be shown in the per-

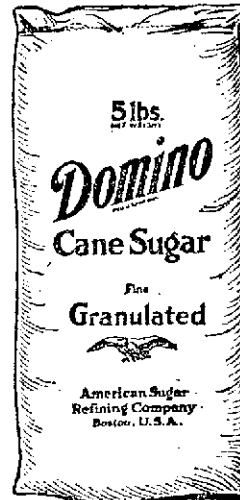
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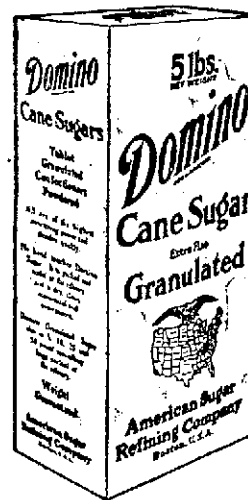
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performances today at the Merrimack Square theatre. Starting with the matinee tomorrow afternoon and continuing daily for the remainder of the week the following "The Shielding Shadow," is being disclosed in the following episodes and a successful finish to one of Pathe's greatest serials will soon come. Grace Harmond, Leon Barry and Ralph Kellard have been starred, and their work has been commendable in every episode. "The Girl From Prison" with Maria Sais and True Boardman featured, is proving one of the finest, red-blooded, active serial plays ever flashed on a Lowell screen. The scenic background of the latter is especially noteworthy. Kathryn Williams is starred in "The Temptation of Adam," the extra three-act attraction looked for today and tomorrow (coming Friday), an episode of "Liberty" and the second of the new preparedness serial, "Pearl of the Army," with Pearl White and Ralph Kellard, coming Christmas day. Robert Edeson in "The Light That Failed."

ROYAL THEATRE

For mid-week attractions, episodes of "The Shielding Shadow" and "The Girl From Prison" will be shown specially. Advt.

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JEWEL THEATRE
The second week of the four epi-

sodes to "The Sequel of the Diamond From the Sky" with an all star cast, consisting of William Russell, Charlotte Burton, Rhia Mitchell, William Tedmarsh, Orval Humphrey, Tom Chatterton and other players of note, is the special attraction at the Jewel theatre for the mid week attraction. The play itself consisted of 22 reel episodes, and the sequel will be shown in four separate episodes of 4 reels each. Another fine attraction is on episode of "The Lass of the Linn-berland," the magnificent serial starring Helen Holmes, the daring "Stunt" actress. The scenes are laid in the fastness of the far north woods, and some wonderfully fetching scenes of the big woods, methods of cutting, etc., are shown in this thrilling and instructive serial play. The cast supporting Miss Holmes is excellent in every sense, and it is running to great success every Wednesday and Thursday at this popular family theatre. The final episode of "Beatrice Portia" with Grace Darling and Harry Fox is also booked, while the regular releases are of the very best obtainable.



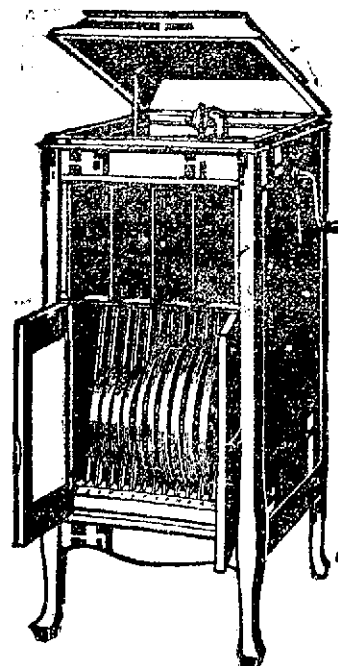
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RUMANIAN REFUGEES ARE POURING INTO RUSSIA

PETROGRAD, Dec. 19, via London, Dec. 20.—The passage across the Russian frontier of thousands of Rumanians who have abandoned their homes and property in the face of the invading Germans and Bulgarians has cast the shadow of a new refugee problem on the Russian empire. These refugees have been pouring into Odessa, Kiev and other southern Russian cities in a desperate and helpless condition and present a problem which threatens to be more difficult than any which has confronted a belligerent power since the invasion of Belgium. Russia has only partially succeeded in colonizing and assimilating the millions of homeless Poles, Jews and members of other races who fled to the interior during the first year and a half of the war. This is, naturally, the worst time of the year in which to care for refugees, and the economic readjustment which the present political crisis has emphasized adds to the difficulty of clothing and supporting a new nation. The magnitude of Russia's economic burden is appreciable when it is considered that the country has received already since the beginning of the war a refugee population far exceeding the combined citizenship of the Scandinavian countries, while the resources of the country have been taxed to the utmost to provide for the wandering people whose homes have fallen within enemy lines and whose means of livelihood are either temporarily or permanently forfeited.

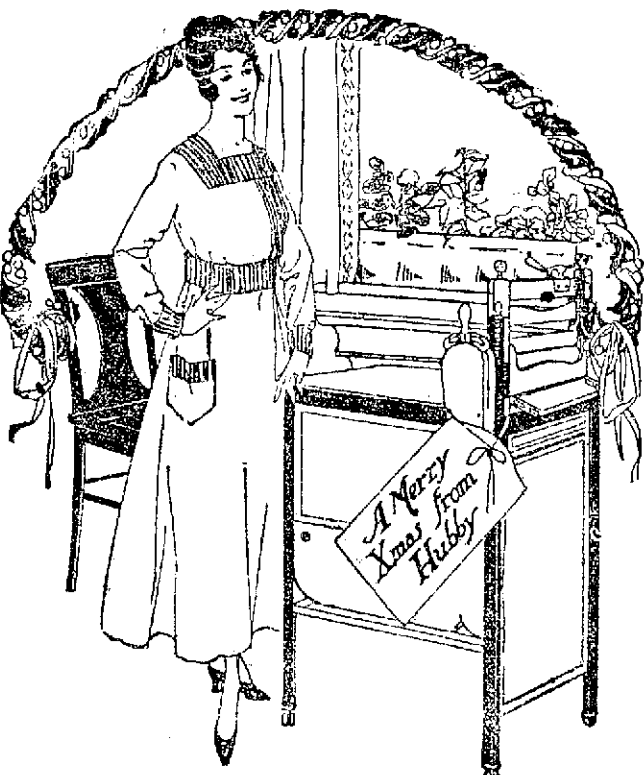
The condition of the refugees has steadily improved through the systematic efforts of the Russian government working through the various refugee committees. These committees, looking beyond the immediate necessities, are succeeding in distributing the migratory population throughout the interior, encouraging their colonization in fertile agricultural districts, and giving them work in making boots, all sorts of clothing and other immediate necessities.

Follow the crowd, Associate, tomorrow night.

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BOSTON "WET" BY 23,051 FITCHBURG AND NO. ADAMS GO "DRY"

McDonald, Watson and Ford Elected to Boston Council—Sullivan and Abrahams to School Board—Loss of Six Cities All Told for "Wets"

VOTE OF BOSTON

ON LICENSE
Yes 53,431
No 30,380

Majority for license 23,051

LAST YEAR'S VOTE
Yes 46,115
No 31,877

Majority for license 14,238

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
*Michael H. Sullivan 45,463
*Henry Abrahams 44,687
*Michael H. Corcoran 40,717
Herbert J. Keenan 20,371

CITY COUNCIL
*Daniel J. McDonald 38,007
*James A. Watson 35,343
*Francis J. W. Ford 35,210
Patrick F. O'Keefe 29,607
David T. Montague 25,399
John J. Cassidy 19,893
Thomas J. Collins 12,774
Patrick A. Kearns 7,221
George T. Daly 6,648
James J. Twohig 5,060
William E. Hannan 4,509
John H. Farley 3,950

* Elected.

LICENSE IN OTHER CITIES

| | 1915 | Yes | No |
|-------------|-------|-------|----|
| Fitchburg | 2,971 | 3,055 | |
| North Adams | 1,586 | 1,693 | |
| Peabody | 1,097 | 1,823 | |
| Quincy | 1,515 | 4,343 | |

| | 1915 | Yes | No |
|-------------|-------|-------|----|
| Fitchburg | 2,911 | 2,820 | |
| North Adams | 1,741 | 1,557 | |
| Peabody | 965 | 1,365 | |
| Quincy | 1,520 | 3,329 | |

Five Massachusetts cities held elections yesterday. In Boston, where a vigorous fight against license had been conducted, the electorate voted in favor of continuing the city in the wet column by a majority of 23,051. North Adams and Fitchburg swung into the "dry" column and Peabody and Quincy voted to continue the policy of non-license.

McDonald, Watson and Ford were elected to the council in Boston, while Sullivan and Abrahams won out in the school committee fight.

The significance of the victory for the "dry" in North Adams is made apparent in the fact that the city has sold steadily for license since 1885. The vote yesterday was: Yes, 1,586; No, 1,693.

Fitchburg emerged from the wet to the dry column by a majority of 51. In a hard fight, the non-license forces overcame the margin of 72 votes by which they lost last year.

The city went against the licensed sale of liquor by a vote of 3,055 to 2,911.

St. Howard Donnell was chosen mayor of Peabody in his first election as a city.

In Quincy the present Mayor, Gustave B. Bates, was defeated by Joseph L. Whitton. The city gave a large majority for non-license.

With the loss of the 27 city elections in the state out of the way, the "dry" forces gained six new cities and lost one.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Boston drenched Billy Sunday and the other anti-liquor forces yesterday in the heaviest downpour of wet votes in six years. The majority for license was 23,051.

Mayor Curley and the city hall democrats smashed the Good Government association city council slate by re-electing Councilman Daniel J. McDonald and returning former Councilman James A. Watson for three-year terms. The Good Government men elected were Francis J. W. Ford for a three-year term and Alfred E. Wellington, who was unopposed, for the one-year term.

Judge Michael H. Sullivan, endorsed by the Public School association, and Henry Abrahams, endorsed by the School Voters' League, were elected to the school board.

Never since the new city charter was adopted has the Good Government association suffered in a council contest such a defeat as yesterday. Three years ago it failed to elect a mayor, but it has never before lost two councilmen in a single year.

Three Wards "Dry"
The vote in favor of license was so large that it surprised even the friends of that movement. Only three wards—23, 24 and 25—went for non-license, and the margin in each of those three was very small.

Twenty-six of the 223 precincts gave a majority for non-license; they were: Ward 1, precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

The vote for non-license yesterday was 14,238 less than it was last year. It was exceeded also by a few hundred votes in 1892 and 1893.

The heaviest vote for non-license yesterday was thrown as had been anticipated, to the exciting wards lying to the south and west, but the results even in those wards were disappointing to the opponents of license.

The total vote cast yesterday on the license question, 83,811, although the largest ever recorded on that issue in Boston, was less than had been predicted. It was only 8,819 larger than it was last year and was almost entirely smaller than the combined vote of Wilson and Hughes in the presidential election of last month.

Nearly 64 per cent of the vote yesterday was in favor of license, a proportion not materially different from that of preceding years.

NORTH ADAMS
NORTH ADAMS, Dec. 20.—North Adams yesterday elected Ezra B. Wallace mayor. He is president of the city council and ran as an independent candidate. He was by a plurality of 142.

The so-called independent progressive party won only two members of the six

mayor, and Mayor John W. Gale, who received only 431 votes.

No license was carried by 190, after a very strenuous campaign on the part of the churches, the first time since 1886. It was the big surprise of the election.

In the school committee fight, P. A. Bond, one of the republican nominees, and the last time he has been before the public, and Dr. F. J. O'Hara, a democratic candidate, seeking re-election, were elected. Charles L. Fink and Charles E. Whitney being defeated.

In this fight, 400 women voted. Dr. O'Hara being the issue which brought out the women. The police and firemen won increases in their salaries.

PEABODY
PEABODY, Dec. 20.—Samuel Howard Donnell, lawyer, will be Peabody's first mayor. At the election held yesterday he received a margin of 210 votes over Patrick J. Sherry, who has served for the past six years as a member of the board of selectmen. The vote cast was the largest in the history of Peabody.

The verdict on the license question was 200 in excess of the non-majority of a year ago.

Never before was such an effort made by aspirants for office to secure support of the voters. Automobiles were driven as far as Haverhill 18 miles, Chelsea, Wakefield and other places to bring voters to the polls.

Although the contest on the surface appeared non-partisan, the vote was largely supported by candidates affiliated with the republican party.

Donnell secured a much larger vote in ward two, normally democratic, than his opponents expected.

Supporters of Donnell last evening said that his election is largely due to his pronounced views on municipal management in the recent campaign.

Mr. Donnell, when congratulated on his election, said that he had endeavored to show to the citizens that Peabody's need as a city was safe and sane legislation. He promised the best government management, so far as it is within his power.

SMALL BLACK KETTLE

Continued

way into the Salvation army receptacles. The men and women—mostly women—who keep watch over the kettle and chimney give their personal services all the cold day through, that they may help the poor and needy.

The passerby who jingles his pennies in his pocket can well dispose with a few of these if for no better purpose than to cheer the faithful kettle and chimney keepers at their lonely post.

The Salvation army kettle and chimney and likewise the turkey, though the latter this year has been conspicuous by its absence, are welcomed in various moods by Lowell people.

There is the business man who cheerfully drops his nickel as he hustles past. There are the women who add a friendly smile as they drop their offerings in and then the young man who would prefer to joke about the receptacles rather than to contribute. The most generous offerings, as a rule, come from men and women who work hard for their money.

The Cop and the Kid
One of the good natured traffic officers saw a small boy looking at the little black kettle and spoke to him.

"What day go to do with all that money?" asked the officer. The officer had made conversation easy.

"Buy Christmas dinners for the poor," answered the officer.

"Won't day have no't to cast if dey don't buy dem somethin'?"

"Many of them won't," answered the officer.

"Well I guess dey better have my penny den," said the little fellow. "I was gonna buy some gum. But here—"

And he dropped his penny through the meshes.

The kettle keepers have some funny experiences, and some that are more amusing than funny. One of the reasons why the wire grating was put over the tops of the kettles was to stop mean folks from stealing the money. They would put in a large piece and take out more change than the original.

The Heart of a Child
A little incident occurred on Merrimack street yesterday which shows that children like to give as well as to receive. A little girl and her mother were passing one of the little red chimneys. The child was pleading for a penny to put into the receptacle. The mother did not have the coin, evidently, and rather impatiently told the child to come along, as the latter hung back. But the child's face dropped and the mother noticed it and taking a nickel from her purse, said: "You can have this either for candy or to put in the chimney."

Without hesitation the child took the nickel, went back and put it into the receptacle, and then joined her mother with a satisfied smile on her pretty face.

What Have You Done?
The crowd around the little chimney near the Hildreth building was doing some heavy looking work. The mother, falling into the crowd, saw a familiar one. Traffic officer Sheridan, whose great big heart is filled with pity for anybody who has to stand in one spot all day long, approached the little red chimney and dropped in a nickel. He was greeted by the children of the Lowell Fish and Game association, who were standing near and congratulating the officer for setting so good an example.

Checked to the school board, R. P. Brown and Miss Elizabeth A. H. Sleeper are the new members elected. The other four returned being members of the present board.

WOOLEN AND WORSTED

WEAVERS' SOCIAL

Laegle hall in Harrington building, Central street, was last evening the scene of an enthusiastic gathering, the occasion being a social and entertainment featured by a reception to Mrs. Sara A. Hillyard, of New York, general secretary-treasurer of the International organization of the United Textile Workers of America by the members of Local 1007, Woollen and Worsted Weavers. The attendance was large and a most pleasant evening was spent.

From 8 until 9 o'clock an informal reception was held and the guest of the evening was introduced to all present, this end of the program being in charge of the following reception committee: Mrs. Mary Chism, Mrs. Alice Healy, Mrs. Annie Bailey, Mrs. Henrietta Mullins, Mrs. Marjorie Fagan, Mrs. Della Millbury, Mrs. Elizabeth Burns and Misses Nellie Mahoney, Mary Duffy, Agnes Hagen and Mary Morgan. Miss Grace Sullivan was the chairman of the arrangements of the evening, the secretary was Miss Margaret Munroon.

Mrs. Mary Hillyard was the guest of the evening, and the following were ushered at the hall: Mary Barton, Lillian Ellison, Margaret Dolan, Annie Hammon, Alice Renshaw, Edith Meeks, Ella Whitehead, Elizabeth Devine, Celia Flynn, Theresa Garzon, Alice Devine, Grace Fields, Mary Duffy.

The evening's program was as follows: Assembly, singing Star Spangled Banner, piano solo, Miss Agnes Collins; address, Mrs. Sara A. Hillyard; solo, Mr. James E. Donnelly; address, Mr. Thomas McMahon; piano solo, Miss Madeline Savage; address, Mr. Frank Warnock; solo, Master Herbert L. Taylor, address, Mr. John Hanley; duet, Mrs. Murray Hayworth and Mrs. Alice Raymond; solo, Miss Kathleen Jennings; solo, Mr. Charles Fairbrother; assembly, Auld Lang Syne.

The officers of the local having charge of the affair were as follows: President, J. P. Mullen; vice president, Grace Sullivan; secretary, treasurer, Annie Duffy; recording secretary, Hilda Walker; conductor, Hildene Whittemore; wardens, James Dowd, trustee, James Cassidy, Della Millbury and Ella Whitehead.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE
The annual Christmas tree at the French-American orphanage in Pawtucket street will be held Sunday afternoon and as usual the event will be in charge of Mrs. George E. Gann. A cake sale at the store of the A. C. Pollard Co., for the benefit of the tree and the receipts netted over \$100.

The money was spent for presents for the little ones, including wearing apparel, toys, candies and numerous other things. The exercises will be held in the assembly hall of the institution and a feature of the program will be the presence of Santa Claus. The sisters of the orphanage are preparing a special entertainment program for the evening and it is fair to assume that the little ones will be entertained in a delightful manner.

At midnight Sunday a mass will be celebrated in the chapel of the orphanage by the chaplain of the institution and during the service special hymns will be sung by the children. The midnight mass will be for the children and sisters only.

ample. "But it didn't seem to take," said the officer.

"What do you mean?" asked Mr. Harris.

"Well I thought those other fellows would follow suit and make a noise in the chimney," answered the officer. "I guess they think salvation is free, but you did your part just the same," said Mr. Harris, and the incident was closed.

But what have you put in that small black kettle or little red chimney? Have you dropped in a button or a piece of gum?"

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DRIVERS OF AUTOS THAT COLLIDED ARRAIGNED IN POLICE COURT

An aftermath of the accident which occurred on the Aiken street bridge on the afternoon of Friday, Dec. 1, in which two dump carts and two automobiles were involved was heard by Judge Enright in police court today when Elise Paquette and Willard Desmarais were charged with reckless driving of automobiles and endangering public life and property.

In the accident two men were thrown from their dump carts, the automobiles and wagons were slightly damaged and one of the horses ran away. The government contended that the men charged with reckless driving were racing breast to breast across the bridge when the accident occurred. Joseph Drainville, a teamster employed by the Tremont & Suffolk mills, testified that at about 1:30 o'clock on the afternoon of Dec. 1 he was driving across the Aiken street bridge toward the "Little Canada" side. He saw two machines approaching at a speed he estimated at 25 or 30 miles an hour. They were side by side, Paquette driving a Ford touring car and Desmarais a Vim truck owned by Charles E. Boudreau. Another witness was passing him, headed toward Centralville when the accident occurred. As he recalled the collision, the truck driven by Desmarais crashed into his car, throwing him several feet in the air. He sustained an injury to his leg and side.

Willard Harwood, an employee of the Standard Oil Co., witnessed the accident. He was driving across the bridge in the rear of the machines. He said that Desmarais reached the bridge first, but Paquette caught up to him and was attempting to pass him when the accident occurred. Paquette said that the Ford touring car struck the Vim truck and pushed it into the Tremont & Suffolk wagon and then the Ford crashed into the Saco-Loewell car. He said that he thought the machines were traveling about 20 miles an hour. William Clinton Drew was driving the Saco-Loewell car and was passing the T.

COPPER THIEVES PLEAD GUILTY IN POLICE COURT

Accused of larceny of 100 pounds of copper valued at 22 cents a pound from the Appleton Co. on December 6 last, James Grand and Eugene Drolet were arraigned before Judge Enright in police court this forenoon. Each pleaded guilty. After the circumstances had been related to the court Drolet was

DECREASE NUMBER OF TRAINS; INCREASE FARES

LONDON, Dec. 20.—With a view to curtailing travel and thus enabling British railways to use more rolling stock for war and food purposes, it has been decided to decrease after the first of the year the number of passenger trains and to increase fares 50 per cent. This will not apply to workmen's tickets or to season tickets for distances not exceeding 40 miles. This decision was announced by the government in the house of commons today.

ON MACEDONIAN FRONT

PARIS, Dec. 20.—Today's official report on the progress of hostilities in Macedonia says there is nothing to report other than some patrol fighting. Rains and fog continue.

FOR PROHIBITION IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A final vote was looked for in the senate today on the bill for prohibition in the district of Columbia, and friends of the measure expected its passage. Senator Underwood announced he would try to get another vote on his amendment providing for referendum on the prohibition question to residents of the district. Before defeating this amendment yesterday by a tie vote in the committee of the whole, the senate adopted a proposal that women be permitted to vote as such a referendum.

500 CASES OF WHISKY STOLEN

GIRARD, Ala., Dec. 20.—Approximately 500 cases of whisky, seized by state authorities in the prohibition raids here last May and June, have been stolen from a Girard warehouse since Nov. 1, according to a statement of the county sheriff today. He declared that the building had been without a guard since that date.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH APPROVED BY THE BRITISH PRESS

Says "If Germany Really Wants Peace, She Will, When Joint Reply of Allies is Received, State Terms Which Can Form Basis of Discussion"

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Premier Lloyd George's reply to Germany's peace proposal meets with a chorus of approval in the British press and the general comment is that if Germany really wants peace she will, when the joint reply of the allies is received, state terms which can form a basis of discussion. The Manchester Guardian says: "Premier Lloyd George has not shut the door on peace with that resounding clang for which some of his less

PRES. WILSON VISITS SENATOR WILLIAMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Wilson went to visit Senator Williams of Mississippi at the latter's home today because he knew the senator had some Mississippi affairs to talk about and understood he was ill.

It turned out that Senator Williams was well enough to go to his office so the president drove him there. Occasions on which a president has gone to visit members of congress are rare.

"It was just the act of a very good fellow," said Senator Williams, "who had heard I was sick and didn't know I was able to get out again. So he came to see me, in his big hearted way that I cannot not have to venture out in the weather. It was very fine of the president, I am sure."

LETTERS TO "SANTA CLAUS"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Thousands of letters addressed to "Santa Claus" appearing in the mails this week prompted the postoffice department today to remind all postmasters of the rule permitting the delivery of these communications to charitable institutions or reputable persons "who may desire to use them exclusively for philanthropic purposes." When letters bear no postage stamp and charitable organizations decline to pay the postage or when no request is made for the letters, they are to be sent to the dead letter office.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

BRISTOL, Dec. 20.—The British steamship, Flinton, has been sunk by a submarine. Her captain and first engineer were taken prisoner. The others of the crew were rescued.

The Flinton, 3492 tons net, was last reported on her departure from Buenos Aires on Nov. 18 for London.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

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CITY COUNCIL HEARS FROM COUNTY COMMISSION ON FIRST STREET PLANS

At a meeting held this morning at 11 o'clock the municipal council continued to wind up several matters of more or less importance. Mayor O'Donnell presided and Commissioners Morse and Putnam were present at the opening of the meeting.

The most important matter that came before the council was a communication from the county commission relative to the amount that the county will pay in the construction of the new river road from Reed street to the Broad town line. The commissioners have agreed to pay the city of Lowell twenty-five per cent of the cost, after deducting the cost of any curbstones or sidewalk surfacing. There is an important provision, however, which stipulates that in no case shall the county pay more than \$10,000 for its share of the work. This communication was the result of the recent hearing at the court house at which the city's point of view was put before the county commission by City Engineer Stephen Kearney.

Anna P. Goodale petitioned for a garage at the rear of 224 Pine street and a hearing was set for Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 10 a. m.

A communication was received relative to the selection of a grand juror to serve at the superior court, Cambridge, starting the first Monday in January. Commissioner Morse drew the name of Antoine Fortin, 503 Moody

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RECORD EXPORTS OF NATIONALIZATION OF NEWS PRINT PAPER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Exports of paper and paper manufactures this year will reach \$40,000,000, according to figures assembled today by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. Increasing exports, some publishers charge, has been one factor in increasing prices for news print paper.

Newspaper paper exports this year have reached a total value of \$3,430,000, against \$2,260,000 last year, about half of it going to Latin America.

The largest purchaser was Argentina, which took \$965,000 worth; Cuba was second with \$385,000; Australia third with \$302,000, and the United Kingdom fourth with \$233,000.

LULL IN FIGHTING ON ALL BATTLE FRONTS

Military operations in the European field are at a low ebb.

The driving campaign of Field Marshal von Mackensen in Rumania seems nearly at an end and the reports show comparative quiet to be prevailing in this war theatre.

On the Franco-Belgian front also there is a lull, with the quieting down of the recent activity at Verdun, while latest reports from both the Russian and Austro-Italian fronts show little but artillery duels and skirmishes.

In Macedonia the reports show rains and fog prevailing, with no military movements with the exception of patrol engagements.

RUSSIANS BREAK THROUGH WIRE ENTANGLEMENTS—TEUTONS FLEE

PETROGRAD, Dec. 20, via London, 240 p. m.—Butch Russian troops operating in the region of the river Iystritz, in Galicia, says the Russian official statement issued today, broke through the barbed wire entanglements in front of the Austro-German advanced position yesterday and pushed a solid front across the river south-west of Stanislaw. The Teutons are said to have fled in disorder, leaving some prisoners in the hands of the Russians.

BERLIN REPORTS ATTACKS BY RUSSIANS RE-PULSED

BERLIN, Dec. 20, by wireless to Saxville. Several attacks were made yesterday by the Russians along the northern Rumanian front, the war of two armies. These attacks were without success.

FARM LOAN BANKS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The federal farm loan board expects to announce by the end of the week that it will establish the country.

HELD UP BY U-BOAT

ROSTON, Dec. 20.—The Dutch steamship Maatschuyk was held up 100 miles from Baltimore, Eng., by a U-boat in German submarine which fired a solid shot across her bows but later allowed the vessel to proceed. Capt. Ryck reported today when his vessel arrived here with a general cargo from Rotterdam. The subsurface apparently was of a larger type than any previously reported, he said. There were no number visible to Chief Officer Verhulst, who went aboard with the Maatschuyk's papers.

SPINAL MENINGITIS ON BORDER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Army medical officers on the border reported today there was no danger of the cases of spinal meningitis among Georgia and Pennsylvania troops becoming epidemic. There have been two deaths in a Georgia regiment and two cases, both now recovering, in a Pennsylvania organization. No new cases have developed in the last eight days.

CHRISTMAS TREES

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We shall seek the co-operation of Superintendent Welch and shall have special officers equipped for duty in protecting our trees and shrubs at the Lowell cemetery the coming Christmas season. The loss of this Commonwealth's green spaces is a matter of great importance to the city and the people. We shall use every effort to protect the property. A Christmas tree cut and stolen from the Lowell Cemetery is the wrong way for a "Merry Christmas."

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NATHAN A. TUFTS NAMES HIS HELPERS

Nathan A. Tufts, who will assume the office of district attorney for the northern district, Middlesex county on Jan. 2, has named the following as his assistants:

Deputy district attorney, Frederick Woodbury Fosdick of Medford, born in Fitchburg; attended public schools of Fitchburg; graduate of Amherst college, by Harvard law school, 1907; admitted to practice in 1907; became associated with the firm of Stone, Dillingham & Hancock, the latter a former district attorney. At the present time associated in practice with former Attorney General Herbert Parker, ex-Lt. Gov. Frothingham and Hon. Robert Walker, associate justice of Cambridge court, with offices in Barristers hall.

First assistant, George Stanley Harvey of Malden, attended public schools of Malden; studied law with Hon. William L. Fribley, late judge of the Charlesworth district court; admitted to practice in Massachusetts in 1912; until recently a member of the firm of McLellan, Carney & Brickley.

REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM SIDEWALKS

Superintendent of Police Redmond Welch last evening issued the following statement calling attention to the city ordinance relative to the removal of snow from sidewalks:

I respectfully call the attention of the public to the city ordinance regarding the removal of snow from sidewalks, and trust that it will not be necessary to bring complaint against any delinquent. Everybody should have consideration for the comfort of those who are obliged to use their sidewalks, and a little effort may be instrumental in preventing injury or in avoiding a possible court appearance. The ordinance to which I refer is found in section 24, chapter 29, of the city ordinances, and is as follows:

The tenant, occupant, and in case there shall be no tenant, the owner, agent or person having the care of any building or lot of land bordering on any street, lane, court, square, or public place, within the city, where there is any footway or sidewalk, shall cause all the snow and ice to be removed from such sidewalk. If the snow shall fall in the daytime, within 24 hours from the time it shall have ceased falling; if in the night time, it shall be removed by 12 o'clock at noon of the day succeeding; and all ice shall be removed within 24 hours after the same shall form upon the sidewalk. And this section shall apply to snow or ice which may have fallen from any building, and to ice formed from water running or accumulating upon any sidewalk.

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are so closely related that as the one is so is the other—good or bad. If you suffer from indigestion, gastric and intestinal disorders, your stomach needs Dye-pep-lets. These tablets are ready to be of service to you, and are pleasant to take and prompt and agreeable in action. Get a bottle of them today from your druggist.

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TAKES EVERETT ARMORY FROM THE MILITIA

MAYOR-ELECT MULLEN KNOCKS OUT DANCE FOR INAUGURAL EXERCISES ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Mayor-elect Mullen of Everett scored against Captain Lewis P. Sawin of R. Co., 8th regiment of Everett yesterday, by securing the state armory in Everett for the inaugural exercises on New Year's night.

Captain Sawin had planned a military ball for that evening in the armory, and had ordered his printing and sent out cards of invitation.

Mr. Mullen yesterday visited Adjutant-General Pearson at the state house, after being refused the armory for New Year's night by Capt. Sawin, and says he persuaded the adjutant-general to allow him to use the armory on New Year's night.

Captain Sawin stated last evening that he had made plans for a ball and had received no orders from the adjutant-general about allowing Mayor-elect Mullen to use the armory on New Year's night.

"I knew that it was customary to use the high school hall for inaugural exercises," he said, "and expected them to do the same this year."

General Pearson, who is in Lowell, said last night: "I granted the Everett city government the privilege of holding the inaugural in the armory because Mr. Mullen was the first to make the request. I do not see why the dance cannot be given later. I do not know anything of the local conditions in Everett."

BOSTON ELEVATED PUTS BAN ON DRUNKS

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—It now looks as if inebriates must walk home, no matter where home may be.

The Boston Elevated Railway company, following the lead of the Boston & Maine, Boston & Albany, New York, New Haven & Hartford and Boston, Revere Beach & Lynn railroads, has also declared a closed season on drunks.

With all the railroads out of the city and Boston's trolley system barred to them, those persons who celebrate unwisely are going to have their troubles. It's going to be a case of walk or a night's lodging in the police station, with costs for said lodging collected in the morning by the presiding justice of the police court. And those who can't pay will have to do their bit down on the farm.

The Elevated, like the railroads when the matter of carrying inebriates was brought to their attention by Gov. McCall, issued orders to its employees yesterday instructing them to bar drunks and turn such persons over to the police.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH
The Sunday school class of D. W. Hinkley held an entertainment in the vestry of St. Paul's M. E. church last evening. The social was one of a series that is being conducted by the Sunday school classes. Games were played, refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed.

WOMAN'S ASSOCIATION
The Woman's association of the Kirk Street church held a meeting at the home of F. A. Flather, Main street, yesterday afternoon. Rev. William F. English, Jr., gave an interesting talk on Armenia. He told of his boyhood experiences in that country. His English sang two songs. Refreshments were served under the direction of the hostess, assisted by Mrs. George S. Richardson and Mrs. English.

FORMER HEAD OF VASSAR DEAD
NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Dr. James Monroe Taylor, president-emeritus of Vassar college, died last night at the hotel where he had been in only about a week. He was 88 years old.

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U. S. PUTS QUESTION UP TO GEN. CARRANZA

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Secretary of the Interior Lane and his colleagues on the Mexican-American joint commission placed on Gen. Carranza yesterday the responsibility of deciding whether the American government should continue its efforts to effect a satisfactory and amicable adjustment of the questions affecting the relations of the two countries, and then adjourned until after the holidays.

Through his representatives on the commission, they sent to Carranza a communication further explaining the position of the United States government, and containing protestations that there exists no intention to violate the sovereignty of Mexico. It was made clear, however, that there can be no modification of the conditions on which the American troops will be withdrawn from Mexico, and that the attitude of the government is continued in the declaration of policy made by Secretary Lane when he protested was filed at Atlanta City last night.

The communication was terse but gracious and had been expected to keep out of the document any thing that might give offense to the Mexican government. It was not more than 100 words in length. It was hoped to be a Mexican representative, in person, and transmitted by them almost immediately to Carranza, where it is expected it will receive prompt consideration.

It was carried in only one copy by mail.

SEC. BAKER BELIEVES IN COMPULSION

WAR SECRETARY GIVES IDEA QUALIFIED SUPPORT—CONDEMS NATIONAL GUARD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Compulsory military service in the United States received qualified support from Sec. Baker yesterday, but he gave only qualified support to the idea of a national guard. He said that he believed in compulsory military service, but that he did not believe in a national guard. He said that he believed in a national guard, but that he did not believe in a national guard. He said that he believed in a national guard, but that he did not believe in a national guard.

believed the guard should be given a fair trial."

Col. Brown Condemns Guard

Major Gen. Hugh L. Scott, chief of staff, was again before the senate subcommittee yesterday, urging universal service legislation, and submitting the report on the mobilization of the National Guard for border duty, compiled by Col. W. A. Brown from 33 information available at the war department.

The conclusion of the general staff, Gen. Scott said, that no adequate defense could be built up under the present volunteer system was fully substantiated by the reports of departmental commanders, inspectors, instructors and others, included in Col. Brown's compilation, and which disclosed vital and inherent faults in the National Guard system which could not be passed over.

Col. Brown, who commanded the 14th cavalry, under Gen. Pershing, and led the detachment which dealt the most severe punishment to the Villa bandits, was before the committee himself and told of the hardships the troops in Mexico encountered, of the forced marches and terrible pace set, adding that only thoroughly trained men and animals could have stood the strain.

Border Force Volunteers

The mobilization report shows that of 13,000 enlisted men of the militia prepared on the border, 11,150 or 85 per cent were drawn transferred from militia organizations not called out or were new recruits, leaving only 1,850 of the force representing the National Guard of the organization militia element on the rolls of the organizations in question at the date of call.

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Of those who were on the rolls at the time of the call, according to the report, 47,657 were lost for various causes during the period of transition into the federal service, making the National Guard as it went to the border substantially a volunteer force. Of the number lost 728 failed to respond to the call at all, and 23,721 were rejected for physical disability.

As to the training of the force before it reached the border the report says: 62 per cent, or 12,283 men, had had less than three months military training of any kind and more than 80,000 none at all.

Turning to the marksmanship of the force, the report shows that 26,823 never had fired a military rifle and that more than 14,000 others had received training of less than first class at the targets.

"Let George Do It" Policy

Senator Thomas asked if national defense was not regarded by most persons as an impersonal question.

"Yes," replied the general. "We let George do it."

Sec. Baker was warm in his praise of the enlisted regulars and induced the house committee that he had approved suggestion that their pay be raised to \$2 a month.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

The regular meeting of Lowell court, Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters, was held in Gratton hall last night. Considerable routine business was transacted, after which the election of officers took place. The installation will be held on the night of Jan. 10.

The newly elected officers are as follows: chief ranger, Patrick T. Brosnan; vice chief ranger, Thomas Brosnan; treasurer, Humphrey Colley; financial secretary, William A. Barry; recording secretary, Charles B. Taylor; senior conductor, Thomas Watson; junior conductor, William Enright; inside sentinel, Fred Maloney; outside sentinel, Dennis Moran.

The regular meeting of S. J. Hines lodge was held last night, with a large attendance. Reports from sick members were read. Two applications were received. Brothers William H. Harvey, Benjamin Reas, A. E. Jay and H. G. Bowen spoke on the good of the order.

LAWRENCE JITNEY ORDINANCE

The Lawrence jitney ordinance which barred Lowell drivers from entering

the city and over which there has been considerable controversy, together with its amendment, has been adopted by the Lawrence city council and will go into effect Jan. 15. The ordinance now reads that residents of Lawrence, Methuen, Andover, Lowell and Dracut can compete in the local jitney traffic. Drivers must be 18 years of age or over, guarantee an 8-hour service each day when possible, and agree to substitute cars when their own are disabled. The principal changes are that in the original ordinance residents of Lowell and Dracut were barred from the local service, and in the amendment the drivers on the local lines were barred from running on the inter-city line.

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"It seems to me it is 3621."

"No, that doesn't sound like it—I think it is 2631—I'll try that."

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There should be no guessing when a telephone number is wanted. There are only two ways to get the correct number: one way is by looking in the directory. If on looking in the directory, you cannot find the name of the person with whom you wish to speak, then you should ask for the Information Operator at the desired exchange, and she will give you the number from her records.

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BOLGER ELECTED SECRETARY

Board of Trade Directors

Elect Successor to
John H. MurphyNew Secretary Has Been
Board Director for
Several Years

WILLIAM H. BOLGER

At an important meeting of the directors of the board of trade last evening Secretary John H. Murphy resigned to take up the duties of treasurer of the Lowell Morris Plan company, and in his place was elected William H. Bolger, who was recommended for the place by the executive committee and chosen unanimously. Mr. Bolger has been a director of the board of trade for several years. Last evening he resigned as director and John H. Murphy was chosen to fill his place.

Before presenting his formal resignation Mr. Murphy spoke in a very appreciative manner of his connection with the board, saying that his services in his new field will depend largely on the use he has made of his experience for the past five and one-half years. He paid a high tribute to former President Harvey B. Greene and also to President Marden, referring specifically to their kindly aid and co-operation on all occasions. He recalled the many acts of courtesy on the part of the membership of the board generally and said that his recent success has been due in great part to this spirit.

There were 22 directors present at the meeting, and the usual routine was followed. There was considerable enthusiasm when Fred F. Hayward of the new membership committee presented a list of 60 names to be voted on for membership. Secretary Murphy presented a financial report which showed the body to be in a sound financial condition. An auditing committee, consisting of William F. Hills, J. Harry Boardman and James F. Owens, was appointed to examine the accounts when they are relinquished by Secretary Murphy.

The resignation of the secretary was

accepted with regrets by the directors, who also expressed the warmest wishes for his future, and President Marden said the executive committee recommended Mr. Bolger because of his wide acquaintance among the merchants of the city and his experience as director. The new secretary expressed his appreciation of the honor which he said was the greatest expression of confidence he has ever received. At the close of the meeting a gift of \$100 was voted to the retiring secretary and it was suggested that he be made a life member of the board of trade if that can be done under the by-laws.

President Marden's Tribute

The following tribute was paid to Mr. Murphy by President, Robert F. Marden:

"The retiring secretary has made an enviable record, as is commonly known. A retrospect of the past five and one-half years of his incumbency of the office of secretary is illuminating. It is unnecessary to go through the entire record but it would be interesting to inspect the succession of annual reports made by Secretary Murphy since 1910, and to pick from them the evi-

dences of steady growth, ever-widening spheres of influence, and here and there flashes of brilliancy that have been uniformly credited as the accomplishments of the Lowell board of trade, when as a matter of actual fact, they have usually been due principally to the energy, resourcefulness and ability of the secretary.

"The growth of the board of trade since 1910 has been striking and reasonably steady. The records are not particularly definite as to the exact number of members of the board when Secretary Murphy came to the office, but it is safe to place the 1910 number at between 350 and 400. In 1911 the number jumped to 732 and in 1912 there were 755. In 1913 there was a slight recession and it is probable that new membership campaigns were not as active that year, for the total shows 657 members. In 1914 the number rose to 714, in 1915 to 888, and in 1916, tonight, the number is 1024. Incidentally it should be stated that the present total membership quotes only an actually paid full list and represents a decidedly healthy growth and sentiment."

Financial Statement

Mr. Marden read a statement of the financial condition of the board which showed its growth, and continued:

"This financial review is interesting, chiefly as a record and a guide. It is the board's record, and the statement which is indicative of actual condition. The obtaining of new members is daily confronting the secretary and officers. A succession of hard working chairmen of the membership committee can testify to the efforts put into the campaigns and their success. It should be noted, however, that the steady grind of the secretary brings in more new members than any sporadic efforts. In the five and one-half years Secretary Murphy has brought in 206 new members. Many of those who have had experience in obtaining new members will readily recognize the meaning of this statement of the number of men brought into this organization by the secretary.

"Accomplishments of the board of trade during this five and one-half year period are notable outside of the daily routine and the work which Secretary Murphy has rendered. His routine service has been extremely valuable, always courteous, uniformly efficient and something which gains in value day by day with expanding experience. Many a question has been shot at him over the telephone by some distracted merchant or manufacturer which has been answered forthwith to the entire satisfaction of the questioner. For accuracy, speed and steady efficiency this system is less spectacular than the things about to be listed, but it is a useful section of the secretary's work."

"The attention of Secretary Murphy was engrossed soon after he came to the board of trade by the locating of the Boston & Maine shops at Billerica. Some know the tremendous amount of time and effort spent on this and all know its ultimate success. The secretary took an active part in the work of framing the new charter for the city, although he was able at all times to keep his efforts clear of politics. He has spent unlimited time in behalf of the special merchandising days, city improvement movements, Lowell celebrations, civic matters of all sorts, transportation details, including passenger and freight traffic, industrial questions, new industries and a thousand and one bits of effective work building up trade or industry as best he could. In bringing the name and fame of Lowell to the forefront, the secretary has worked in the schools, in public meetings, at city hall and in the factories, has visited other cities and states, and has at all times been a ready speaker and booster for Lowell."

Monuments to Secretary

"There are several monuments, locally, to Secretary Murphy, some of them wholly of his building and usually largely of his building. The industrial show of a year ago was a sample of how he can carry things through. The new, three-story factory building in Middlesex street, known as the Burgess & Lang building, a striking local development, is directly traceable to Secretary Murphy's efforts and is the culmination of a four-year campaign by him to bring it about. The publication of the Lowell Digest this summer brought out the talent which the secretary has for tabulation and his versatility in picking out the essentials in local affairs."

"For years Secretary Murphy has been persistently a booster for the Merrimack river navigation project and much of the detailed work of preparing careful arguments for the plan can be credited to him. In the fire insurance controversy now raging here, the secretary is alert, as usual, in providing material and sifting out the facts."

"When it is possible for the secretary to point to the signs of definite achievement during his incumbency, it is evidence that his work has not been in vain."

"At the conclusion of five and one-half years of service by the secretary it is now true that the board of trade is financially and otherwise in its strongest position. The secretary claims no credit for himself, nor would he rightfully grant him full credit for the success, for without the effective help of directors and members of the board he could not have come through so well, but those who have worked with the secretary on committees or special assignments know full well that the lion's share of the work has been done by him and the greater proportion of the credit is his due."

The people of Lowell, whether members of the board of trade or not, owe a debt of gratitude and appreciation to John H. Murphy. He has been the servant of the merchant and manufacturer, the friend of the unemployed, the helper of the needy and the backbone of every committee, large or small, of the board of trade. For efficient services rendered here, he became the logical choice for the new place to which he has been called. It must be gratifying to him to realize that he retires from the board of trade possessing the confidence of the entire community to an unusual degree."

Reports of Committees

Reports of committees were received. George Bowers spoke on the Merrimack river navigation scheme; Daniel F. Carroll reported for the committee on insurance and fire prevention and Albert D. Milliken for the committee on referenda of the chamber of commerce of the United States. President Marden announced a "Tax Talk" for the evening of Dec. 24. Joseph E. Perry of Boston, attorney for the tax commissioner and an expert, will explain the new law and answer questions. The meeting will be public and if it appears that the rooms of the board will not accommodate the attendance, the meeting will be held in one of the larger halls of the city.

IN BOSTON

The Sun is on sale every day at both news stands and at the station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.

FAMILIES NEAR
DEATH FROM
COAL GAS

Two families had a narrow escape from being asphyxiated by coal gas in a bungalow in Holt street, North Billerica, early yesterday morning, it was learned today. One woman, Mrs. C. M. Lindahl, was in a serious condition yesterday, but is reported to be much improved today and her recovery is now assured.

Two women and three children were affected. The bungalow is occupied by C. M. Lindahl, his wife and child and a family named Lehelm consisting of three. In the house is a furnace with but one register which heats the whole bungalow. Early yesterday morning something went wrong in the furnace and allowed the coal gas to escape freely. Shortly before 3 o'clock Mrs. Lindahl woke up coughing and

this awakened the other members of the family. They discovered the woman's condition and summoned Dr. Neil K. Forhan. When he arrived Mrs. Lindahl was unconscious and the other occupants, with the exception of the woman's husband, were ill from the coal gas. The children soon recovered but Mrs. Lindahl was slow in coming to and did not fully recover until today. The defect in the furnace that allowed the gas to escape was found and repaired.

Big Christmas Business

The largest Christmas business in the history of the North Billerica post-office is being done at the present time according to Postmaster Neil R. Mahoney. The parcel post business is exceedingly heavy this year, especially the outgoing packages. Postal cards are also being handled in large numbers and a record for Christmas business will easily be established. An increase of approximately 60 per cent. has been made in the volume of matter handled in the North Billerica office during the past two years, states Postmaster Mahoney.

State Senate Chaplain

Rev. Edward A. Horton, chaplain of the state senate, addressed the Women's Alliance of the Unitarian church in Billerica yesterday afternoon. His topic was "Signs of the Times." Rev. Mr. Horton's address was very in-

structive and was keenly enjoyed by the large attendance. Refreshments were served.

WATERWAYS COMMITTEE
OFFERS SUGGESTIONS

Mayor O'Donnell has received a communication from the committee on waterways in which the following is contained:

"Within the last twenty-four hours the members of this committee have received notices from several parents that children are skating and sliding on the half frozen rivers and brooks of the city. As a result we are in fear of a serious accident of the kind we desired to remedy by tentative ordinance submitted to the council last summer. A part of this has been put into effect, but that part placing the skating places under the direct control of the superintendent of police has not been considered by the council."

ANOTHER COMMUNICATION

The waterway committee, having addressed a communication to the mayor, and not wishing to slight the superin-

tendent of police, sent the following epistle to the big chief:

"Since the snow storm the members of the committee have noted that the life-saving apparatus about the city has been almost covered by snow in some localities."

"Kindly issue a general order providing that the officers on patrol shall remedy this condition where found. Also kindly direct them after every storm, to remove snow and ice from the coils of rope, and to inspect the same carefully in order to insure a free running line in case of accident."

"It will soon be time to arrange for the placing of an officer on the Merrimack river, and the warning standards, for the protection of the skaters."

JESSE BURKETT

Former Lowell Manager Signed to Coach Holy Cross Baseball Nine Next Season

WORCESTER, Dec. 20.—Thomas J. Flaherty, graduate manager of athletics at Holy Cross, announced last night that Jesse C. Burkett has signed a contract to coach the Purple team next season. Burkett succeeds Tom McCarthy, the former Boston National League outfielder. Jesse's contract calls for his presence with the team from Jan. 15 to Jan. 20. He plans to have the Holy Cross candidates out Jan. 15 for work in the cage. The infield and outfield candidates will report Feb. 3.

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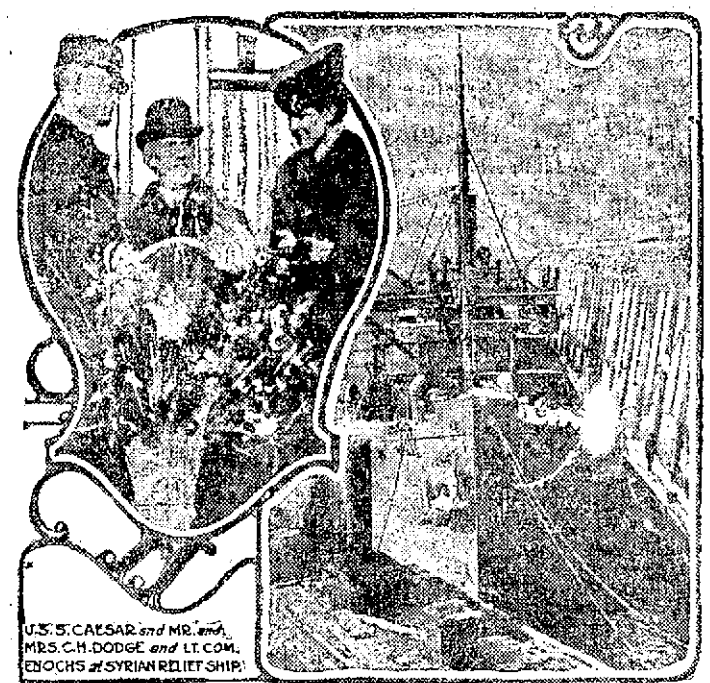
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NEW TOYS ARRIVING DAILY

On account of the embargo on freights from the West, we are receiving all kinds of toys every day. If you don't see what you want here today, come again tomorrow, as we are continually opening new ones. Here are a few of the latest arrivals:—

Wolverine Automatic Sand Toys—Priced 50c and \$1.00
More Baby Carriages—Priced 50c to \$10.00
Another lot of Choo-Choo Cars—Priced \$1.49 and \$1.79
Sherwood Coaster Wagons with shock absorbers.....\$5.50, \$8.50
Shoo Flys—Priced\$1.49 and \$1.79
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U.S.S. CAESAR and Mrs. A. Mrs. C.H. DODGE and Lt. Com. ENOCHS at SYRIAN RELIEF SHIP.

The United States Collier Caesar, bound from South Brooklyn, Beirut, Syria, with a \$250,000 cargo of foodstuffs and clothing for the Syrian and Armenian refugees who are in need of help.

Under the auspices of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, farewell exercises were held on Pier 2, South Street, Brooklyn, where the collier had been made fast, taking on her cargo. Cleveland H. Dodge, the presiding officer, who represented the Red Cross, as well as the Committee on Armenian and Syrian Relief, mentioned the fact that the American consuls and missionaries who have not seen an American flag flying in the harbor of Beirut for 18 months, the Caesar, with its cargo of foodstuffs, would be the most beautiful emblem that ever sailed the ocean.

Oscar S. Straus, another speaker at the exercises, pointed out the significance of this relief work on the part of the American people as the finest possible expression of international friendship and conducive to peace and good will throughout the whole world.

Henry Morgenthau, who recently retired as ambassador to Turkey, said that it was impossible for the American people to appreciate what this cargo of foodstuffs would mean to these people who had been shut off from the outside world for more than two years.

A message containing best wishes for the safe voyage of the Christmas ship from President Wilson was read and singing was provided by the Syrian choir. Pictures show the Caesar at her pier and Mr. and Mrs. Dodge presenting a basket of flowers to Lieut. Commander John M. Enoch, United States navy, commander of the exercises, pointed out the significance of this relief work on the part of the American people as the finest possible expression of international friendship and conducive to peace and good will throughout the whole world.

DR. McKNIGHT

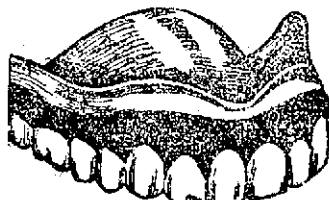
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SALOONS MUST CLOSE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

The question of whether or not saloons shall have to close on New Year's day has been the subject of considerable controversy among the liquor dealers of the city, and the license commission was recently asked for a decision. The commission finds that as the vote of the people at the last state election was an amendment and not an enactment of a new statute, that it becomes operative this year as to the vote of the people at the last state election. The amendment, which was passed by a vote of 10,000 to 9,000, provided that the first day of January, known as New Year's day, a legal holiday, be observed as such. The amendment, which was passed by a vote of 10,000 to 9,000, provided that the first day of January, known as New Year's day, a legal holiday, be observed as such. The amendment, which was passed by a vote of 10,000 to 9,000, provided that the first day of January, known as New Year's day, a legal holiday, be observed as such.

to close their doors on New Year's day. The chapter explaining this question is as follows:

GENERAL ACTS, 1916
Chapter 104: An act to make the first day of January, known as New Year's day, a legal holiday.

Section 1. The ninth clause of section five of chapter eight of the revised laws, as amended by chapter 136 of the acts of the year 1911, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "include" in the first and second lines, the words: "the first of January and by striking out the word 'four' in the sixth line, and inserting in place thereof the word 'five, so the words, "legal holiday" shall include the first day of January, the 22d day of February, the 19th day of April, the 30th day of May, the 4th day of June, the 1st day of September, the 12th day of October, Thanksgiving

day and Christmas day, or the day following when any of the five days first mentioned, the 12th day of October or Christmas day occurs, on Sunday and the public offices shall be closed on all of said days.

Section 2. This act shall be referred to the people for their rejection or approval at the polls, and shall be voted on at the next annual state election, and shall become law if approved by a majority of the voters voting thereon. The act shall be referred to the people in the following question: "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year 1916, to make the first day of January, known as New Year's day, a legal holiday, be approved and become law?"

Big time, Associate, Waushakins, Thursday evening.

FUNERAL NOTICES

AUSTIN—The funeral of Mrs. Nellie A. Austin will take place Friday afternoon from the chapel of C. H. Molloy Sons on Main street. Services will be conducted at 2 o'clock. The body will be placed on the 342 train to West Dresden, Me., for burial. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers C. H. Molloy Sons.

BLACK—Died in this city Dec. 20, at her home, 256 Mansur street, Lizzie A. Black, aged 65 years, 10 months. Funeral services will be held from her home, 256 Mansur street, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited to attend. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertakers Young & Blake.

BURNS—The funeral of Francis J. Burns will take place Thursday morning at 8:15 o'clock from the home of his parents, 66 Coburn st. High mass of requiem at St. Michael's church at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Funeral Director James W. McKenna.

COLE—The funeral of Joseph M. Cole will take place Friday morning from his late home, 30 Forrest st., at 8 o'clock. High mass of requiem at St. Margaret's church at 9 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Funeral Director James W. McKenna.

DOUGHERTY—The funeral of Lillian Dougherty will take place Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of her parents, 11 Mill street. The burial will take place in St. Patrick's cemetery. Funeral arrangements in charge of Undertakers Higgins Bros.

FOSTER—Died in Boston, Dec. 18, at the Peter Bent Brigham hospital, William R. Foster, aged 41 years. Funeral services will be held at his home, 31 Georgia avenue, this city, on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

GOODWIN—Died in this city, Dec. 19, at 105 School street, William J. Goodwin, aged 37 years. Funeral services will be held at 105 School street on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

HOOPER—Died in this city, Dec. 19, at his home, 7 Belmont street, George L. Hooper. Funeral services will be held at his home, 7 Belmont street, on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. Please omit flowers. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

HOOPER—Died in this city, Dec. 19, at 374 Pine street, Mrs. Malvina A. Hooper, aged 56 years. Funeral services will be held at 374 Pine street on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Friends are invited without further notice. Burial private. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

SULLIVAN—The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Sullivan will take place Friday morning at 9 o'clock from her home, 83 White street. A solemn high mass of requiem will be sung at St. Columba's church at 10 o'clock. Burial in St. Patrick's cemetery in charge of Undertaker J. P. O'Donnell & Sons.

WALKER—Died in this city, Dec. 19, at her home, 124 Myrtle street, Abbie O. Walker. Funeral services will be held at the home of R. S. Fulton, 124 Myrtle street, on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial in Winchester, N. H. The funeral arrangements are in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

DEATHS

HOOPER—George L. Hooper, for many years a well-known resident of Lowell, died yesterday at his home, 7 Belmont street. His wife survives him. Mr. Hooper was born in Walpole, N. H., coming of an ancient New Hampshire lineage, his family having settled in that region before the Revolution and taking their original title to their farm from Indian residents. In 1883, after having engaged in business in Boston, Mr. Hooper came to Lowell and entered the employ of the Shaw Stocking Co., as a salesman. He remained in that capacity until 1891

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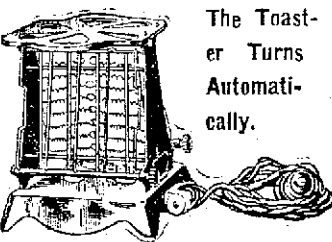
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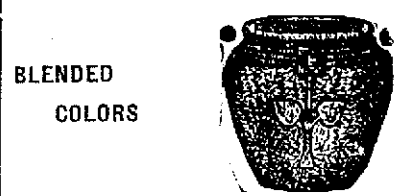
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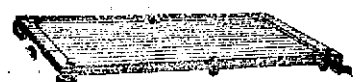
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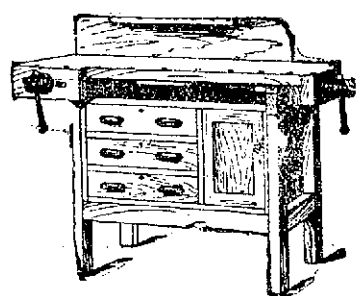
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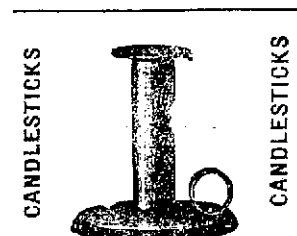
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when he was made agent of the company. Seven years later he retired to found the Hooper Knitting Co., with which organization he remained four years. He was a member of the real estate business, associating himself with the office of Thos. H. Elliott until in 1908 he determined to abandon business life and return to enjoy a well-earned leisure on the Walpole farm, which he inherited from the early home of his forebears. Since 1908 Mr. Hooper had spent his summers and indeed the greater part of the year in New Hampshire, although retaining his Lowell residence for the winter. He was an active worker in the First Unitarian church and his interest in charitable and philanthropic institutions was manifested by his service as a director of the Battles home and as treasurer of the People's club. He was a member of the Club and the Vesper-Club, trustee of the First Unitarian church, and a member of its investment committee.

ROBY—Mrs. Malvina A. Roby died yesterday at her home, 374 Pine st., aged 56 years. She leaves one daughter, Mrs. John E. Roby, a step-daughter, Mrs. John Luntton of Danbury, N. H., and three sisters, Mrs. Frank Perkins of Concord, N. H.; Mrs. William H. Roby of East Concord, N. H.; and Mrs. George Gage, also of East Concord, N. H.

WALKER—Miss Abbie O. Walker died yesterday at her home, 124 Myrtle street, after a very short illness. She had served as a faithful employee in the office of the Lawrence Manufacturing Co. for over 25 years and was a member and regular attendant at St. Michael's church, in which work she was deeply interested. She leaves several nieces.

COTE—Joseph M. Cote died yesterday at St. John's hospital, aged 54 years. He leaves his wife, Catherine; three sons, Isadore, Joseph J., and Robert Cote of Lowell; one daughter, Sister Catherine of the Order of St. Joseph of Allston; two brothers, Chas. of Islevert, Canada, and Narcisse of this city, and five sisters, Mrs. J. G. Barry, Mrs. B. Gosselin, Mrs. F. L. Lavigne and Mrs. J. A. Lavigne, all of Montreal, and Mrs. G. A. Talbot of Rimouski, Canada. Deceased was a member of the Railway Clerks association and was employed as a checker at the freight house in Thordilke st. The body was taken to his home, 30 Forrest street.

ANSART—Mrs. Marietta Ansart, wife of James H. Ansart, passed away at the home of her daughter in Woburn yesterday after a long illness. She is survived by four sons, George F. of Lowell, Albert J. of Bradford, N. H., Harry L. of North Yarmouth, Wash., Arthur G. of Pittsburg; one daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis of Woburn, and nine grandchildren.

DUFF—Lillian Duff, infant child of William and Pauline (Evans) Duff, died today at the home of her parents, 11 Mill street, aged one year and one month.

BLACK—Mrs. Lizzie A. Black died this morning at her home, 256 Mansur street, aged 65 years. She leaves her daughter, Maude E. Black. Mrs. Black was president of the Educational club, and was a member of the Women's Temperance union, and will be remembered by residents of Tewksbury as Lizzie A. Black, where she taught school for several years. Mrs. Black was an attendant of Kirk St. Congregational church.

SULLIVAN—Mrs. Mary Sullivan, wife of Michael Sullivan and an esteemed and devoted attendant of St. Columba's church died last night at her home, 33 White street. Besides her husband she leaves two daughters, Mrs. George Cosgrove, and Mrs. James Jones two sons, William F. and John F. Sullivan and 4 grandchildren. The deceased was a member of the Holy Rosary sodality of St. Columba's church.

FUNERALS

CUNHA—The funeral of Frank S. Cunha took place yesterday afternoon from the home of his parents, Manuel and Maria Cunha, 2 Molloy's Court. Services were held at St. Anthony's church, Rev. C. M. Fernandes officiating. Burial was in St. Patrick's cemetery. Undertakers M. H. McDonough Sons were in charge of the funeral arrangements.

MARSHALL—The funeral of Charles A. Marshall was held from his home, 48 Marginal street yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. R. G. Clapp, pastor of the First Unitarian Congregational church. Delegations were present from Centralville Lodge and Elginian encampment, I.O.O.F. The bearers were Messrs. George H. Frye, Daniel G. Ryan, Frank George and Charles Doty. Burial was in the family lot in the Madison cemetery. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker John A. Weinbeck.

TAPPAN—The body of William Benjamin Tappan, the man who was found dead in his room at the Middlesex Tavern, was sent Wednesday to Meredith, N. H., where burial will be made in the family lot in the Meredith cemetery. The arrangements were in charge of Undertaker George W. Healey.

BEAUREGARD—The funeral of Agnes Beauregard took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of the parents, 718 Lakeview avenue. Burial was in St. Joseph's cemetery under the direction of Undertakers Amodeo Archambault & Son.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS IS APPRECIATIVE

Telegraph operators in the employ of the Associated Press have received notice of a tentative plan approved by the board of directors for sick benefits at the expense of the company. The board has authorized the creation of a committee of five to arrange for the creation of a system of sick relief benefits, the entire expense to be borne by the Associated Press. Three members of the committee are to be selected by the members of the traffic department, the traffic manager and the treasurer, also to serve upon the committee. It is stated in the notice that this is done in appreciation of the esprit de corps of the traffic department.

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GEORGE RIVET IS BACK FROM QUEBEC

George Rivet, champion welterweight boxer of Canada, returned to Lowell this morning after spending a few days in Quebec, where he had a ten-round bout with Danny Fields of New York. With the exception of a badly swollen hand the young champion is in the best of condition and he is now training to meet Robson in a ten-round bout in Lawrence New Year's afternoon.

In his bout with Fields Rivet failed to hand over a knockout blow, but at the end of the ten rounds he was given the decision, despite the fact that he fought eight rounds with but one hand. While in Quebec Rivet met another Lowell boy, Joseph Bisatillon, a wrestler of great repute, who is now doing theatrical work. Mr. Bisatillon played at the Crystal theatre and scored a tremendous success. This week he is playing in Halifax, N. S.

MAJ. GEN. VON ZIETEN DEAD—AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 20.—The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger announces the death of Maj. Gen. Ernst von Zieten, commander of the 17th reserve division. General von Zieten died at Dantzig as the result of an operation.

REVIVAL OF ICE TENNIS—NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Five prominent tennis players participated in a revival of ice tennis here last night. Two of the first ten ranking players were among the five, Watson M. Washburn and Donn Mathey. The others were Frederick R. Alexander, Theodore Roosevelt Pell and Francis T. Hunter. Washburn and Mathey played several sets of doubles against Alexander and Pell. The players served, drove and volleyed with much of the same dash and skill which they displayed on dirt or grass courts. Being on skates did not interfere with their play appreciably. The court on which the men played was marked out with painted black lines and the regulation tennis ball was used. There is talk of arranging an ice tournament.

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THE MERRIMACK RIVER PROJECT

General Black of the United States army engineers has reported in favor of the scheme for the improvement of the Merrimack river, to make it navigable from Lowell to the sea. This is the culmination of a long agitation by the combined commercial bodies of the Merrimack valley. There has been very little opposition (except from the power companies, who desire to remain in undisturbed possession of the river and all its resources. Some there are who have no idea of the possibilities of the scheme and refer to it as a fad or a hobby of certain citizens. Those who realize the vast possibilities of a navigable river connecting Lowell and the intervening textile cities and towns with tide water, are jubilant over the victory knowing how much it means to Lowell and the Merrimack valley generally. The general proposition has had so many set-backs due to changes in administration and the death of officials who had favored the improvement that the agitation should be kept up until the work be started.

The great problem with the engineers was to find convincing proof that the business on the river after the completion of the improvement would offer a fair return for the expenditure. On this point there can be very little doubt. What that business will be eventually cannot be judged at this time. There is no doubt that other factories will be located on the banks of the river in order to avail of the facilities of transporting coal, raw material and even the finished products over the river. The navigable river will be a great boon to Lowell and her industries as to every city and town further down along the Merrimack.

The Sun has taken a leading part in the agitation for the improvement of the river, but the board of trade and Congressman Rogers deserve high praise for their indefatigable work at every stage of the battle.

PREMIER GEORGE'S SPEECH

In his speech to parliament yesterday, Premier Lloyd George left no room for doubt as to the attitude of England in reference to the German peace proposals; and in this he also represents the views of France and Russia, so that so far as the entente allies are concerned there can be no peace until Germany is willing to make full reparation and give effectual guarantees for the future.

The wily Welshman forcibly explained the position of the allies when he said that "to enter a conference upon the invitation of Germany while proclaiming herself victorious, without any knowledge of her proposals would be putting our heads in a noose with the end of the rope in Germany's hands."

In spite of this the premier did not close the door against a conference, if Germany means business or if she wants peace on anything approaching the terms which the allies are willing to accept. Of this there is at present no indication so that it is probable that the war will continue with redoubled vigor.

With the reorganized war councils in England and France and the renewed determination in Russia, it is probable that the allies will start upon the prosecution of the war in a manner that will avoid expensive blunders and bring more tangible results.

THE TRAGEDY OF BELGIUM

The tragedy of Belgium is still the most appealing of all the outrages of the war. In a recent despatch from Belgium we read: "The slavery is being carried out in the utmost barbarity and brutality and several thousands of the more reluctant have been put in prison on starvation rations in order to induce them to sign free contracts." Against this policy of exterminating a gallant people, one man, Cardinal Mercier, stands out fearlessly, although threatened with every penalty short of death, but he has already shown the German war lords that he is ready to die for his people if that will serve or save them.

In spite of all threats he has continued to expose and denounce the brutal outrages perpetrated by German officials on the Belgian people. He has exposed every false statement made by General von Bissing, the military governor, in defence of the outrages perpetrated upon the people. But for Cardinal Mercier the world would never know of half the tyrannies inflicted upon the people.

In his latest protest Cardinal Mercier denounces the action of Germany in deporting the people in the most scathing terms. He repels the charge that the Belgian people have murdered public order and call hundreds of Americans to witness the impudently patience of the people. "Two years ago," he says, "there was death, pillage and burning, but it was war. Now the power of the government is used upon a defenceless people in cold calculation for deliberate destruction and exploitation. It is said that the Belgians deported are not sent to war, but every one of them releases a German, thus making him available for war."

The only way General von Bissing can silence the brave and patriotic cardinal is to put him in a cell from which he will have no communication with the outside world, but Gen. von Bissing will surely attempt that. Thus the Belgians at this hour are in the throes of anguish as great as when the shells of the conflict were hurled by day and night over the plains, the cities, the temples and the fortresses of that unhappy land.

COMPULSORY MILITARY SERVICE

Nothing will satisfy General Scott but compulsory military service. For all physically fit adults General Scott is authority for the statement that our splendid troops who visited the border recently would have been unable to cope with trained soldiers. It seems, however, that our military authorities are too seriously alarmed over the probability of war. After the end of the European war, it is not likely that

to see the capital lead the way to the dry column.

Thure Hanson, commissioner of weights and measures, has notified the people of Massachusetts that coal dealers are giving short weight and fruit and vegetable vendors short measure. Evidently the profits are now being made at both ends and the middle.

If the government gives us regular airplane mail service between New York and Chicago, the next step will be between New York and San Francisco. We have not yet heard of anybody proposing an airplane flight across the Atlantic, but even that may soon be possible.

The people are patiently waiting to see some practical result of the many investigations of the high cost of living. Judging from the flourish of trumpets with which the grand juries were called to hear evidence, it is about time some indictments were reported.

The first street improvement is to go through as a joint proposition by the county, the state, and the city. The aim now is to have the work completed as soon as possible.

The suburban dairymen have organized. Does this mean another increase in the price of milk or an effort to fight the arbitrary demands of the contractors?

Seen and Heard

Your diligence, your success and your reward depends a great deal upon the fellow you're working for.

A Scrap of Paper

That allusion to "a scrap of paper" may mean a great deal to the high and mighty statesman who made it, but it has lost its point in more ways than one. Any newspaper publisher or printer will tell you that almost any old scrap of paper is to be taken seriously since paper became so high and so scarce. Scorn not the scrap of paper, but save it for the junkman. It is no longer a thing to speak of with contempt.

His Argument

Jack, who was a sailor, had one day been painting some railings, and had put under it "What Paine?" A friend of his coming along, and knowing that Jack was by no means a good scholar, thought to take the rise out of him, and said: "You don't spell it that way, Jack." But Jack answered him, saying: "Well, since I know it only, you see, if I spelled it right nobody would notice it."

Robbery Was News to Him

"What time is it?" asked a voice over the telephone of Dr. Frederick B. Humphreys of the German hospital, New York city. The physician was annoyed at being disturbed in the midst of important work with such a request, and was about to hang up the receiver when the voice continued: "This is Capt. Devoy of the first branch detective bureau, and I'll bet I can tell you the time by your own watch. I can describe it as it has the picture of a little girl in the case and is worth about \$1000." Dr. Humphreys stepped to another room, where he had hung up his coat, and returned to the telephone with the information that his timekeeper had been stolen.

They Kissed in the Dark

A kiss in the dark on Tenth street, Philadelphia was considered by you in indignation as something of a crime. But they kissed the night before last. The pair were a young man and woman, both of respectable families. When in court, said they had been visiting friends and were waiting on a step for another young man and woman who had been with them. The arresting officers declared the kiss of the hand the movie censor eliminated from the screen.

"Why did you break the law on the highway?" asked the magistrate, looking a blither before his face to conceal his laughter. The situation struck the spectators, too, as humorous, and they laughed.

THEY WERE RUNDOWN

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Dat-a-boy, Judge?

It is time the public realized, through repeated administration by judges, that gum chewing within the sacred precincts of the halls where justice is dispensed—or dispensed with—is an unpardonable offense. A mouth that is busy with any other occupation than talking is shown to be distinctly out of place in the shade of law and lawyer. At the superior court sitting in this city the past week Judge Hugo Dubuque of Fall River sharply reprimanded a gum chewing witness and ordered him to cease the offending way. In New York Magistrate Krotel of the Tombs police court was even more severe.

As a result of the New York episode Frank Bardonoux, a Fifth avenue phonograph dealer, was fined \$5 Thursday for sucking a coughdrop in court on Tuesday. That day the magistrate had sternly rebuked him of a breach of the peace by chewing gum in court and had held him in \$500. It developed Thursday that it was a coughdrop instead of gum that he had in his mouth. His attorney, Benjamin C. Ribman of 100 Broadway, escaped the workhouse by two minutes, the magistrate having him that length of time to get out of court. Ribman poked his head into court Thursday when his client's case was called.

"Don't you come in here again," called the magistrate to the head and the head withdrew. "I can hardly blame you for chewing gum," said the magistrate to Bardonoux, "when you have such a foolish lawyer. You were chewing gum, weren't you?"

"No, sir," ventured the phonograph dealer. "I got no further. Magistrate Krotel interrupted him to call Lieut. Conner to the stand. Lieut. Conner got as far as the remark that he had seen the defendant's jaws moving. "Of course they were," exclaimed Magistrate Krotel. "I was looking straight at him, and his jaws were moving so rapidly that I was fascinated. It is strange; the only places a man seems to select to chew gum are a baseball game, a theatre or a police court. He hasn't done it while he's getting married or when he is in church. It seems to regard the police court as he would a barroom or a skating rink." Mr. Ribman made one more valiant attempt to follow his head into the room. It was frustrated by Magistrate Krotel, who permitted Mr. Jesse Henry to appear as counsel. Through him Bardonoux succeeded in telling the court that it was a coughdrop and he was fined \$5 with an apology. "I beg your pardon, then," was Magistrate Krotel's apology. "Anyway, your jaws were going through all the motions of chewing. I have so many fellows like you before me that I don't know what brand they chew. If you had pleaded guilty I would have suspended sentence."

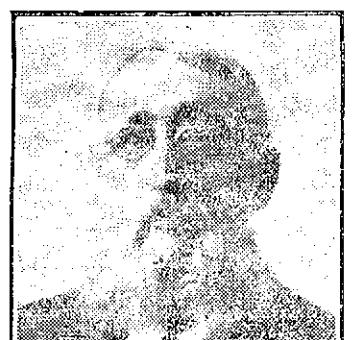
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"If you say another word I'll send you to the workhouse for ten days," retorted Magistrate Krotel, and Bardonoux paid his fine and departed. Ribman declared that he would file a record of the case with the Bar association.

Half a Century Sailed Old Briny

John Chipman, Retired Sailor Tells to His Friends an Interesting Story

In order that any man or woman may derive a full measure of pleasure and success from life, it is necessary that he or she should be possessed of



JOHN C. CHIPMAN.

health in mind and body. It is certain that the greatest thing in all the world is health. Without it a man can do nothing worth doing, he can accomplish little that is really worth accomplishing. Attention to health then should take the place of every other object; that which is necessary to secure it should receive consideration in proportion to its excellence. Thus, for instance, the new health stomach remedy, Plant Juice, which is gaining such a following in Lowell, where daily grateful people are testifying to its merits and recommending it to their friends.

Recalling the signals and recommendations of Mr. John C. Chipman, a retired sailor, who lives now at the "Palmer House," 512 Harbor Street, Lowell, Mass., we are convinced that Mr. Chipman has sailed for seas for 50 years and is well known in all the harbors along the New England coast. He has led a life of adventure, who will be glad to tell of his recovery to health. He stated:

"For the past four years I was troubled with rheumatism, swollen joints, and I had terrible pains all over my body. I could not sleep at night, and I was in a constant state of misery. I had tried many remedies, but nothing seemed to help. I was very weak and I could hardly keep any food in me. I had such pains in my arms and shoulders that I could hardly move them. I had tried so many different kinds of medicine that I was very skeptical as to the value of any more. When I heard so much about Plant Juice I thought I would try it, although I had little faith in its curing me. After taking it for several weeks I was greatly surprised at the wonderful results I obtained. I can now eat any kind of food and have a good appetite for my meals. I sleep well at night and the pains have left my system. I consider myself entirely cured, and am glad to recommend Plant Juice to all of my friends."

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The Homeland

Off has I roved out Canniesbourn
Aron the chuckle gate,
Whan Laird and Lady Campbell
Quell'd.

In farland estate,
Doon whaur the River Kelvin flows
So clear like crystal sheet,
As in our cot at hame I can see
The wooden hills aften.

As far a spot as Eden's vale,
The trees I see aften;
When I think about the place
The tear drops in my eyes
Course, blinny deon ma furrowed cheeks.

As memory brings together
The scenes of happy childhood's days
Among the bloomin' heather.
The four rare hauns, I maun confess,
I can see ma dying day,
I loved each blade of grass that grew,
I loved the fertile clay,
I loved the bonnie song birds, too,
The mountains, lochs and streams,
I think the Lord I still can see
Auld Scotland in ma dreams.

—Bernard D. Ward.

BUFFALO BILL ILL AT SISTER'S HOME IN DENVER

Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) was reported critically ill at the home of his sister, Mrs. Mary Cody Decker, in Denver, where he is suffering from a general breakdown, according to the physician, who says the illness is grave because of the age of the famous plainsman, who is almost seventy-one. He was born in Scott county, Mo., Feb. 26, 1846, and became a government scout and guide and member of the Seventh Kansas cavalry.



COL. W. F. CODY (BUFFALO BILL).

According to "Who's Who in America," he contracted typhoid fever in the Kansas Pacific railway with all the baggage required to feed the laborers engaged in construction and in eighteen months (1873-74) killed 4,250 buffaloes, earning the name of Buffalo Bill, which he has kept ever since. He was a government scout and guide, and a member of the Seventh Kansas cavalry. He was a general in the United States army, and a member of the United States senate. He was a member of the United States senate, and a member of the United States senate.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS BY THE C. M. A. C.

The annual election of officers for the C. M. A. C. took place last evening at the well appointed meeting in the large hall. The attendance was one of the largest for a long time and interest prevailed in every corner of the hall. The highest contest being for the position of president, the candidates being Mr. J. C. Laverne, who has held the position for the past seven years, and Mr. George E. Gause, who held the position prior to Mr. Laverne, and who came out victorious at last evening's election.

The meeting was called to order at 8 o'clock by the President, Louis S. Jean, and continued until 11 o'clock. The following committee presented the following resolutions: The committee on the association of a handsome silver trophy recently won by the organization in a contest with the members of Club Citymen, and the following resolutions were adopted: To prepare a memorial to be carried out in connection with the installation of officers, which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 24, at 8 o'clock. The committee on the association of a handsome silver trophy recently won by the organization in a contest with the members of Club Citymen, and the following resolutions were adopted: To prepare a memorial to be carried out in connection with the installation of officers, which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 24, at 8 o'clock.

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HOUSE COATS

For men—tailored by clothing tailors so they fit. New colors in double faced cloths—with collars and pockets of the plaid revers.....\$5.00
Velour House Coats.

BLANKET WRAPS

Lounge or Bath Robes. Blanket Wraps, new designs and colors, with slippers to match. Wrap and slippers for.....\$5.00
Other Wraps \$5.00 to \$12.00.

HANDSOME NEW SHIRTS

For Holiday Gifts.
Woven Madras Shirts with soft or stiff cuffs, \$1.00
Japanese Crepe Shirts, unusual designs and colorings.....\$1.50
French Flannel Shirts, the patterns woven in silk, made with French cuffs.....\$3.00
Silk Shirts, fibre silk, colors warranted, very dainty and desirable.....\$3.00 and \$3.50

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Men's Domet Flannel Pajamas, quite new patterns, all made with silk frogs.....\$1.00 and \$1.50

Soisette Pajamas in fancy patterns or solid colors, blue, pink, cream and buff,
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Sateen Mufflers in black and white stripes....50c
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For evening dress—plain or mounted pearl studs and cuff links, all neatly boxed in velvet boxes, satin lined.....\$1.00 to \$2.50

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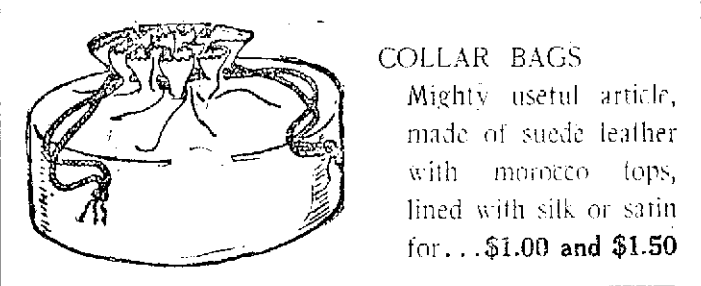
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Strahan ballot being used. She result was as follows:
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Adelard St. Jean, assistant secretary; Thomas Berube, recording secretary; Richard D. Daigle, assistant recording secretary; Albert N. Hamel, corresponding secretary; Joseph L. Lamouroux, treasurer; Isadore Trudel and Edouard Tremblay, marshals; Albert Lutz and Joseph Beaulieu, collectors; Alfred Salver, librarian; Emery Racette, time-keeper.
IN BOSTON
The Sun is made every day at both news stands of the Union station in Boston. Don't forget this when taking your train for Lowell.
If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

LETTER FROM LOWELL BOY IN FRANCE

A letter of unusual interest has just been received by a member of The Sun staff from Joseph Bixby, formerly of Lowell, but now connected with the American ambulance field service, in France. Mr. Bixby worked for several years in this city but for a year or more had been connected with the McLean hospital, Waverly, Mass. Early in November he enrolled in the Amer-

ican ambulance field service, and the letter was written from headquarters, 21 Rue Raymond, Paris. Following is Mr. Bixby's letter.

Sunday, Nov. 26.

I thought that you would like to



JOSEPH BIXBY
American Ambulance, France

hear from the front—almost—so here goes: A group of twenty-five young Americans came along with me on the French line steamer "Espagne" to join the field service of the American ambulance in France. We arrived in Paris on Tuesday, November 21, and are spending 10 days at the ambulance headquarters here in Paris to become acclimated, receive inoculations for smallpox, typhoid, paraty-

phoid, secure uniforms, permits of residence, etc. In these war times one has to be very careful about passports, registration, police identification "permis de séjour," etc. and one must never go abroad without these papers.

We have intimations that we will be despatched to the front for service Tuesday. We will be conveyed by a French officer with sealed orders like Abraham who went out by ship, not knowing whether he went. We are to be attached to the French army "somewhere at the front" has been said. Thus far my whole trip has been full of anxiety and interest, and it promises to be far more so in a very few days. On the boat coming over were several notables including A. Platt Andrew of Harvard, inspector general of the American ambulance field service; several French officers and purchasing agents, an Italian princess, Mrs. Andrea Boncompagni.

who was an American girl, Margaret Preston, painter, and many others. In Paris every day is full of joy for us. This is the most wonderful city I have ever seen. Such beautiful streets, bridges, palaces, churches, parks and gardens! Such a number of magnificent public buildings and monuments! The entire plan of the city is so substantial, systematic and complete. I do not think that anything in America can compare with it, though Washington may be as beautiful in years to come.

Notwithstanding all the beauties of Paris the chief desire of all the boys is to get out into action with the French army, which we hope in a small way to relieve the suffering of the wounded and repay something of the debt we owe to France for Lafayette and to the American revolution.

Sincerely,
Joseph Bixby

WILL HOLD CONVENTION TO REVISE CONSTITUTION

Special to The Sun

STATE HOUSE, Boston, Dec. 20.—In a proclamation issued today, Governor McCall officially advises the people of the commonwealth that the vote at the state election last month was in favor of holding a convention for the purpose of revising the constitution, and calls upon them to elect delegates to such convention, the election to be held in all cities and towns in the commonwealth on Tuesday, the first

day of May. The proclamation is as follows:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
By His Excellency the Governor

A Proclamation
Concerning the Calling and Holding of a Constitutional Convention
Whereas, by an act of the general court of this commonwealth approved on the third day of April, nineteen hundred and sixteen, entitled "An act to ascertain and carry out the will of the people relative to the calling and holding of a constitutional convention," being chapter 38 of the general acts of the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, it is provided that the secretary of the commonwealth shall cause to be placed on the official ballot to be used at the annual state election for the year nineteen hundred and sixteen the following question: "Shall there be a convention to revise, alter or amend the constitution of the commonwealth?" and

"Whereas, provision is made in said act for the due return of the votes upon this question to the secretary of the commonwealth and for the opening and examining of said votes by the governor and council; and

"Whereas, it is further provided that the governor shall by public proclamation, on or before the first Wednesday in January in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen, make known the result by declaring the number of votes in the affirmative and the number in the negative; and

"Whereas, it is further provided that if it shall appear that a majority of said votes is in the affirmative that the governor shall in his proclamation call upon the people to elect delegates to the convention at a special election to be held in all the cities and towns of the commonwealth on the first Tuesday in May in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen; and

"Whereas, the said question was placed upon said ballot by the secretary of the commonwealth; and

"Whereas, the votes upon said question have been duly returned to the secretary of the commonwealth and opened and examined by the governor and council;

"Now, therefore, I, Samuel W. McCall, governor of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby declare and make known the result of said election in the manner provided by said act of all the votes upon this question it appears that the whole number of votes in the affirmative is 217,295, and that the whole number of votes in the negative is 129,575, from which it appears that a majority of said votes is in the affirmative.

"And, therefore, by virtue of the authority contained in said act, I do hereby call upon the people to elect delegates to the convention aforesaid at a special election to be held in all the cities and towns of the commonwealth on the first Tuesday in May in the year nineteen hundred and seventeen, in accordance with the provisions of said act and in the manner therein provided.

"Given at the executive chamber in Boston, this thirtieth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-first.

By His Excellency the Governor,
Samuel W. McCall.
Albert P. Langtry,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.
God Save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

CARD OF THANKS
We, the undersigned, wish to thank all those who by words of sympathy and floral tributes helped to lighten the sorrow in the death of our beloved daughter and sister, Edith.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thornley and Family.

LICENSE COMMISSION
The license commission held its regular meeting last evening and granted the following minor licenses: Express, Kostas Mazon, 75 Prince and drivers' permits, Nicholas Theodore for James Collins & Co., and E. J. M. Mains for P. E. Cox & Co., public amusement, Zazaban Mazon, 212 Merrimack street. The license held by Christos Choulas at 357 Market street was transferred to 132 Market street, and the lunch cart license of Elmer E. Chase, at East Merrimack and Stackpole streets, was surrendered and cancelled and released to John G. Schott at the same location.

Support the city that supports you
BELIEVE IN
LOWELL
Support the home industries and merchants as we will have permanent prosperity
Keep the dollar at home
as you will see it again

Lowell, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1916

A. G. POLLARD CO.

LOWELL'S BIGGEST AND BEST CHRISTMAS STORE

This should be the happiest Christmas Lowell has ever known, and it bids fair to be, if one judges by the crowds of eager shoppers which throng this store from opening until closing time. The greatest Christmas business you've ever asked us to handle. But our stocks are equal to the occasion—our service ample for your satisfaction. Store is ready at 9 o'clock in the morning. CLOSED TO-NIGHT and open Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings.

Again we ask you to carry the smallest parcels and PLEASE use your address slips in charging.

MADE IN FRANCE BY WOUNDED SOLDIERS

We have just received a shipment of goods from the war camps of Europe, goods made in the hospitals by the wounded soldiers of France.

The articles consist of basketry, tidies, doilies, mats, scarfs and blankets of various shapes, sizes and colors.

The collection was made by W. E. Bristol, one of the Y. M. C. A. camp secretaries in France. Mr. Bristol is a brother of W. A. Bristol, Membership and Educational Secretary of the local Young Men's Christian Association.

Each article has a tag which gives the name of the man who did the work, the particulars concerning the nature of his wound, and the place where he was wounded.

The full amount of the money received from the sale of these goods is returned to the families of the men making the articles.

Come in and see these beautiful pieces before they are all gone.

USEFUL GIFTS CAN BE FOUND IN THE

Rug and Drapery Dept.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Shirt Waist Boxes..... | \$1.98 to \$10.00 | Kimono Art Silk..... | 49c a Yard |
| Cedar Chests..... | \$9.00 to \$29.00 | Kimono Art Satins..... | 59c a Yard |
| Screens..... | \$5.00 to \$9.00 | Silk Velour Pillow Squares..... | 75c a Yard |
| Couch Covers..... | 98c to \$12.50 | Silk Damask Pillow Squares..... | 39c a Yard |
| Rope Portieres..... | \$2.50 to \$10.00 | Fringed Rugs..... | \$1.25 to \$9.00 |
| Tapestry Portieres..... | \$2.50 to \$18.00 | Art Squares..... | \$10.00 to \$75.00 |
| Silk Portieres..... | \$7.50 to \$20.00 | Serim Curtains..... | 49c to \$6.00 |
| Velour Portieres..... | \$5.00 to \$25.00 | Lace Curtains..... | 39c to \$15.00 |
| | | Vacuum Cleaners..... | \$2.98 to \$29.98 |

BASEMENT BARGAIN DEPARTMENT

Blankets Make Gifts That Are
Always Appreciated



Especially good ones, and here is your one chance to get good ones cheap. Of course you know wool is constantly advancing in price, therefore causing the retail store to advance, but we bought these blankets some time ago, and getting them at the old price enables us to offer them to you today at such a low figure.

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| All Wool Blankets..... | \$10.00 to \$22.00 Pair |
| Cotton and Wool Blankets..... | \$3.00 to \$10.00 |
| Wool Finish Blankets..... | \$2.00 to \$3.50 Pair |

COTTON PUFFS

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| Cotton Puffs..... | \$2.00 to \$5.00 |
| Wool Puffs, silkline and satin covering..... | \$3.00 to \$10.00 |
| Wool Puffs, silk and satin covering..... | \$10.00 to \$17.00 |
| Down Puffs, French satin covering..... | \$5.00 to \$10.00 |
| Down Puffs, silk and satin covering..... | \$10.00 to \$19.00 |

COMFORT BLANKETS

200 Comfort Blankets, all new designs and new colorings, in large variety of combinations of colors; \$3.00 value at.....\$2.00 Each

BASEMENT

FOR BATH ROBES

Bath Robe Blankets, in large variety of patterns, light and dark colors, all new combination of colors with cord and tassel to match, at.....\$2.50 and \$3.00

BED SPREADS

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Crochet Spreads..... | \$1.00 to \$2.50 |
| Satin Finish..... | \$2.50 to \$6.00 |
| Satin Finish Set, Spread and Sham to match, at..... | \$4.00 |
| About 75 Fine Satin Finish Spreads, very fine quality and printed in handsome design; \$5.00 value, each spread in a box. Special at..... | \$2.35 Each |

LADIES' NECKWEAR

At Very Low Prices

| | |
|--|-----|
| 150 Dozen Ladies' New Neckwear, fine embroidered organdies, in all the newest styles, also fine Irish lace neckwear at about half price. | |
| 25c to 50c Neckwear at..... | 15c |
| 75c to \$1.00 Neckwear at..... | 49c |
| Special lot of assorted Neckwear, 50c value, at..... | 25c |

SILK SCARFS AT \$1.50 EACH—About 200 Silk Scarfs, in all the new stripes and plain colors, pure silk thread and fibre silk, subject to small manufacturer's imperfections; \$2.00 to \$4.00 value, at.....\$1.50

Ladies' Pure Silk Thread Sweaters; \$5.00 to \$15.00 value, at.....\$3.50 Each

Now on sale, about 250 Ladies' Pure Silk Thread Sweaters in all the latest styles and all the colors, subject to small manufacturer's imperfections; \$5.00 to \$15.00 value. All one price.....\$3.50

BASEMENT

Store open
Thursday,
Friday and
Saturday
Evenings.

THE JAMES CO

Merrimack Street, Corner of Palmer

Store opens
Thursday,
Friday and
Saturday at
9 a. m.

Ten Holiday Suggestions To Make Christmas Shopping Easy

Cosy Blanket Bath Robes

Well-made bath robes of Beacon blankets in delicate pastel shade of rose, gray, blue and lavender; also Navajo Indian designs in rich brown, red, blue and orange colorings.

2.95

CAMISOLES

for Gifts

With evening gowns and the sheer, filmy blouses favored by fashion, camisoles become a necessity. Many dainty styles of flesh and white of washable satin with trimmings of lace and blue ribbon.

95c

Imported Novelty BAGS

All the way from Paris and just waiting to be gifts. Navy or black moire taffeta, embroidered with cut steel beads; fitted with mirror and coin purse.

2.95

Flowered Taffeta PETTICOATS

A wide full model of supple chiffon taffeta with scalloped bonnets, gorgeous flowered designs on backgrounds of taupe, king blue, purple, hunter and apple green.

3.95

Brushed Wool SCARFS

Indispensable for out-of-door folks and devotees of winter sports. Fringed and striped scarfs in gold, rose, brown, green and white.

95c

Crepe de chine CHEMISES

Dainty refined styles that any woman would be charmed to receive. Tops and shoulder straps of shadow and imitation tulle lace; flesh only.

1.95

Japanese Quilted VESTS

A friendly gift which tells of your consideration of another's comfort, and is surely to be highly appreciated. Sleeveless quilted vests of black and white China silk.

95c

Crepe de chine WAISTS

Dozens of styles in flesh, white or black crepe de chine. Tailored blouses with hemstitching and tuckings. Dressy blouses with embroidered fronts.

2.49

KIMONOS From Japan

Rose, shell pink, wisteria, sky and Hague blue cotton crepe; hand embroidered by the Japanese, in floral designs.

1.95

Silk Hosiery

for Gifts

Pure silk Gordon hosiery in all the wanted colors; gold, fawn, pink, gray, suede, navy, pearl, Hague blue, white and black.

1.00

TURKEY YIELDS TO RELEASE 200 AMERICANS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The 200 Americans detained in Syria and Palestine by the Turkish military authorities have been granted permission to leave by way of Beirut on condition that they intern at Beirut for a month to make valueless any military information they may have.

The United States has repeatedly made diplomatic efforts to free the Americans, some of whom are missionaries and others naturalized citizens, and until now each effort has been thwarted by the Turkish military commander.

Ambassador Elihu at Constantinople reported the Porte's action to the state department today. Efforts will be made to have the time of internment shortened.

The cruiser Des Moines, now at Alexandria, will go to Beirut to take on the refugees.

SERGT. SHARKEY DIED SUDDENLY TODAY

SERGT. HENRY D. SHARKEY, U.S.A., RETIRED, PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING

Sergt. Henry D. Sharkey, U.S.A., retired, died suddenly this morning at his home, 211 Appleton street, aged 42 years. Deceased had not been feeling well for the past few months, but his condition was not considered serious. Yesterday he complained of feeling badly, but did not take to his bed. Shortly after he got up this morning he was taken seriously ill and quickly passed away.

Sergt. Sharkey enlisted in the 15th Infantry in 1888 and served Uncle Sam until about nine years ago when he retired at San Francisco. He went to his home in Lowell, Conn., and a year later he came to Lowell and has made his home here since. He is survived by three sisters in Connecticut and Rhode Island.

ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL

A boy, whose name could not be learned, had a narrow escape from being run over by an electric car at 8 o'clock this morning. The boy alighted from the Merrimack square bound Moody street car, at a point near the corner of Kirk street, and without looking or listening he started on a run across the street. At that moment an outboard Pawtucketville car was passing by the Moody street car and fortunately for the boy he slipped and fell just before reaching the other tracks. The fall probably saved his life, for the other car went by before the lad was on his feet again.

SUPERIOR COURT ADJOURNS

The case of Frank J. McCormack, plaintiff, vs. Burton E. Watson, an action of tort for \$1500 by which the plaintiff sought to recover for alleged injuries caused by the dog of the defendant was brought to a close this forenoon in the civil session of the superior court and the jury returned a verdict of \$50. The verdict amounts to \$50, however, for the law provides that double damages be given in the case of dog bites. The court then adjourned until the April session.

If you want help at home or in your business, try The Sun "Want" column.

COPPER THIEVES

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ant. He said that both men were employed by a construction company that is building a storehouse for the Appleton Co. They stole the copper wire, he said, and sold it to junk men. One time they threw the wire on a team that was going out of the yard and later sold it to a man pushing a hand cart. Porter got \$1.50 for this lot and Grand \$2.00. Another time they carried some wire in a cement bag to Suffolk street and sold it to a junk dealer. Major Noyes said that he had learned that Grand had been selling copper to a junk dealer for some time, using an assumed name. Some lead has also been missed from the job, said the major.

Porter claimed that he was induced to assist in the larceny by Grand, who explained to him how easy it was to make a little extra money. Both men have families. Mrs. Porter appeared in court and said that her husband was her only support and for this reason the court imposed a suspended sentence. Grand claimed to have eight children and his case was continued to investigate his story.

Case Was Dropped

When Morris Friedman, aged 15 years, was arraigned on a continuance charged with larceny in three counts of 50 cents, in connection with the alleged misrepresentations of a suit club with headquarters in Boston, Supt. Welch stated that the complainants had been returned their money and were satisfied to allow the case to drop without any further prosecution. It is claimed that Thomas Mullany, William Curtis and Thomas E. Galagher, three local young men, had started to make payments in a club and after a certain sum had been turned in, each was to secure a new suit. When it was discovered that the scheme was a flim flam game, Friedman was arrested. His counsel said this morning that the young man was simply acting as a collector and had absolutely nothing to do with the contracts. In order to save the boy from a criminal record, the case was placed on file on a plea of nolo.

Got Four Months

A sentence of four months in the house of correction was handed to Thomas F. Murray after he had been found guilty of larceny of a watch and chain from James Pollard, and drunkenness. Murray admitted being drunk but denied the larceny charge. Pollard said that he met Murray in Gorbam street Monday and that during a short conversation he was relieved of a silver watch and chain. A man who was standing across the street saw Murray take the watch and disappear in the vicinity of Charles street. He followed him and turned him over to Sergt. Petrie, who found the watch in his possession.

Murray said that he and the complainant had been drinking together and after they had spent all their money, Pollard suggested that Murray take the watch and secure a couple of dollars on it. "It was all a drunken affair," he said. Defendant admitted having been released from jail a few weeks ago after serving seven months for unlawfully taking a horse and wagon. At that time he also claimed that it was a drunken affair. He appealed from the four months sentence today and was held in \$800 for the superior court.

A Delinquent Husband

John E. Horne had a narrow escape from receiving a long sentence in the house of correction after pleading guilty to a charge of failing to support his minor child. Mrs. Horne said that her husband had not given her anything toward the support of the child since last Christmas when he bought two pairs of shoes. Recently, said Mrs. Horne, he took some furniture and sold it to a second-hand dealer for \$21, saying that his wife was dead. He refused to give her any of the money he received for it. His Honor explained today that he had previously sentenced to the house of correction but Mrs. Horne was willing to give the man another chance. The sentence

IT IS A PLAY THAT REACHES THE HEART BECAUSE IT DEALS WITH A NATION-WIDE TOPIC, "BIRTH CONTROL."

GET SEATS EARLY

Arrange Your Christmas Shopping so that You Will Not Fail to see this Great Appealing Play.

NEXT WEEK—IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

THIS PLAY HAS CAUSED MORE TALK THAN ANY OTHER TWO PLAYS EVER PRODUCED.

Something Doing From Start to Finish

The Sites-Emerson Company, by Special Arrangement with Sanger and Jordan, Presents the Emerson Players in

EVERYMAN'S CASTLE

A Play With Punch and a Purpose That All Grownups Should See for the Lesson it Teaches

Positively Limited to One Week, Owing to Previous Contracts

Direct From Capacity Houses at the Court Theatre, Chicago

OPERA HOUSE
The Theatre of Big Things

BATTLE OF MUSIC

Miner's, Doyle's and Broderick's Orchestra

WITH THE PONIES

Associate Hall, Friday Eve., Dec. 22
Admission 25 Cents

B. F. KEITH'S

The Amusement Centre of Lowell

ALL THIS WEEK

Direct from B. F. Keith's Theatre, Boston

Bert Lamont

—AND HIS—

COWBOYS

In a Round-Up of Mirth and Melody

The Musical Comedy Girl

CLARA HOWARD

In Songs and Stories

Al Girard and Sylvia Clark

Modern Vaudeville Favorites

Wallace Bradley & Grette Ardine

In Their Dance and Singing Surprises

ORR & DeCOSTA

BLANCHE SLOANE

THOMAS TRIO

PATHE NEWS PICTORIAL

was imposed and suspended for one year on condition that he pay five dollars a week to Probation Officer Slatery.

Made Civil Settlement

Stephen O'Halloran, Joseph Poole, Dennis O'Neil and James Connolly were called on a continuance charged with assault and battery on William Gaudette. George F. Toye, representing the defendant, stated that civil settlement had been made and the case was placed on file.

James A. Grim, who was arraigned yesterday and pleaded guilty to larceny of a newspaper from Louis Zakay, explained today that he had previously made an arrangement to purchase a paper every day from Zakay and pay weekly. His case was placed on file.

Owl THEATRE

Today and Tomorrow

BIG DOUBLE FEATURE PROGRAM

The Famous Southern Beauty

VIRGINIA PEARSON in

"The War Bride's Secret"

A powerful and heart-stirring story dealing with the conditions caused by the great war, now being waged in Europe.

ALSO SHOWING ON THE SAME PROGRAM

RHEA MITCHELL in "The Overcoat"

A new sociological drama that will touch the heart strings.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

COMING FRIDAY and SATURDAY—CHARLIE CHAPLIN

ROYAL THEATRE

"The Shielding Shadow" AND "The Girl From Frisco"

Many Other Attractions

Adults 50c

Kiddies 25c

JEWEL THEATRE

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

2ND EPISODE OF THE SEQUEL To the Diamond From the Sky

"Beatrice Fairfax" and others

USUAL PRICES

RUNNING RACES AT THE ROLLAWAY

SATURDAY NIGHT, DEC. 23 AND MONDAY NIGHT (CHRISTMAS), DEC. 25th.

Some of Lowell's Best Men Entered.

CITY COUNCIL

Continued

street, clerk. A recess was declared until 11:30. The session was resumed at noon.

Commissioner Duncan introduced an order relative to the balancing of the city's books, and it was passed.

A claim for personal injuries was received from Mrs. Margaret Turey of Worthen street, who contends she was injured by falling on Cross street. Referred to the law department.

Daniel Sakalarias presented a bill for \$14.00 for injuries to store property on Market street arising from Dummer street blasting, and it was approved.

Commissioner Donnelly moved that \$350 be paid to Daniel J. Leary for extras on a bill incurred in 1911, and it was so voted.

Locks & Canals

The Locks & Canals corporation, through their representative, Mr. Badger, said that they would prefer to lease the land on the river bank at Pawtucketville that the city talks about seizing. They would lease, they said, for a term of 25 years or less, for \$10 a year. Commissioner Morse and Duncan agreed with the position of the Locks & Canals and the mayor suggested that action be postponed until the rest of the land is seized.

James J. Redmond put in a claim for \$25.21 damages to cottage at 84 Bartlett street, through the alleged falling of a tree. The claim was allowed.

A claim for \$1556 was presented by Joseph P. Kearney for land damages at the taking of land for the new high school and the order was approved.

That Chassis Again

Commissioner Putnam again brought

up the matter of purchasing a ladder truck chassis for the fire department. He read the order which called for the purchase of a white chassis at \$5500 and the turning in of the old truck at the Central house.

Com. Duncan asked whether the chassis is needed more than cars for the district chiefs, and Com. Morse said that the chiefs should have two new cars and that no other city would hesitate about purchasing them. He has seen the present chassis stop on the way to a fire, he said, and he would vote for new cars if the money voted for the chassis were transferred.

Mayor O'Donnell said that the light cars used have given good service but are now worn out.

Com. Putnam said that cars for district chiefs are needed badly but that the truck is also needed, and he would like to be authorized to purchase the truck.

He said, however, that the money could not be used to better advantage than for the purchase of new cars for the fire chiefs, and expressed willingness to withdraw motion and call for specifications for new cars for district chiefs. He withdrew his motion and said he will introduce order tomorrow for two new cars for the district chiefs.

County Commissioners

A communication was received from the county commissioners relative to the proportionate share of cost for the construction of the new First street boulevard. Following is the letter which was received and placed on file.

Middlesex County Commission
East Cambridge, Dec. 18, 1916.

Mr. Stephen Kearney,
City Engineer, Lowell, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In the opinion of the county commissioners the county should pay the

city of Lowell on account of the con-

Merrimack Sq. Theatre

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DEC. 21, 22, 23



LOU TELLEGEN
THE VICTORIA CROSS
(LASKY PARAMOUNT)

THE FAMOUS DRAMATIC ACTOR,

Lou - Tellegen

HUSBAND OF GERALDINE FARRAR

—IN—

"THE VICTORIA CROSS"

Mr. Lou-Tellegen is supported by a cast of typical excellence including Cleo Ridgely and Mabel Van Buren.

Robert Warwick

And MOLLIE KING In "ALL MAN"

A splendid comedy vein runs throughout the entire piece and brightens the whole action of the play. Some of the most beautiful scenery in the country has been used as a setting for the action of the play.

BURTON HOLMES TRAVELS—OTHER PHOTOPLAY

Coming Sunday—"The Governor's Lady"

WINTER EXCURSION

BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD

TO MONTREAL OR QUEBEC

Dec. 22 or 23 or 29 or 30

RETURNING TO REACH ORIGINAL STARTING POINT BEFORE MIDNIGHT, JANUARY 8, 1917

ROUND TRIP FARES FROM LOWELL

TO Montreal, \$11.25 Quebec, \$12.90

For information in regard to Special, Stopover, Reservations and Tickets apply at Local Ticket Office.

C. M. BURT, General Passenger Agent

struction of the River road from Reed street to the Draught town line, a certain portion of the cost thereof said road to be constructed in accordance with the plan, entitled "Lowell". Proposed Indian Orchard Road, or the county's share of the expense to be paid to the city shall be 25 percent of the cost of the road, after deducting from said cost the cost of any obstructions or sidewalk surfacing the county not to pay any portion of the cost of said obstructions or sidewalk surfacing. In no case shall the county pay to the city more than \$10,000 on account of the work.

Very truly yours,
Levi G. Gould,
Chairman.

Commissioner Putnam asked for authorization to purchase two horses from C. H. Hanson for a sum not in excess of \$500. The horses have been used in the fire department, he said, and have been proved satisfactory.

DR. FLEXNER ELECTED
PARIS, Dec. 20.—Dr. Simon Flexner, director of the Rockefeller Institute for medical research of New York, has been elected foreign associate member of the Academy of Medicine.

A FEW SUGGESTIONS IN THE SELECTION OF His Christmas Gift

You Can't Possibly Fail To Please Him If You Buy From Our Extensive, Up-To-The-Minute Stock Of Men's Furnishings.

| SHIRTS | HOSE | NECKWEAR |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| The kind he wears \$1.50 and up | The kind he always buys 25c and up | The kind that gives him individuality 50c and up |
| HOUSE COATS | SWEATERS | BATH ROBES |
| The kind he must desire | The biggest and best line in town | The kind that are his favorites |

WINTER SPORT GOODS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE FOR HIM—SKATES, SKIS, SNOW-SHOES, TOBOGGAN, CAPS, GLOVES, Etc.

FOR WOMEN—Some of the Nattiest Toques, Stoles, Sweaters and Other Out-Door Wraps at Surprisingly Reasonable Prices.

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Central, Cor. Market St.

Watch Our Window Displays

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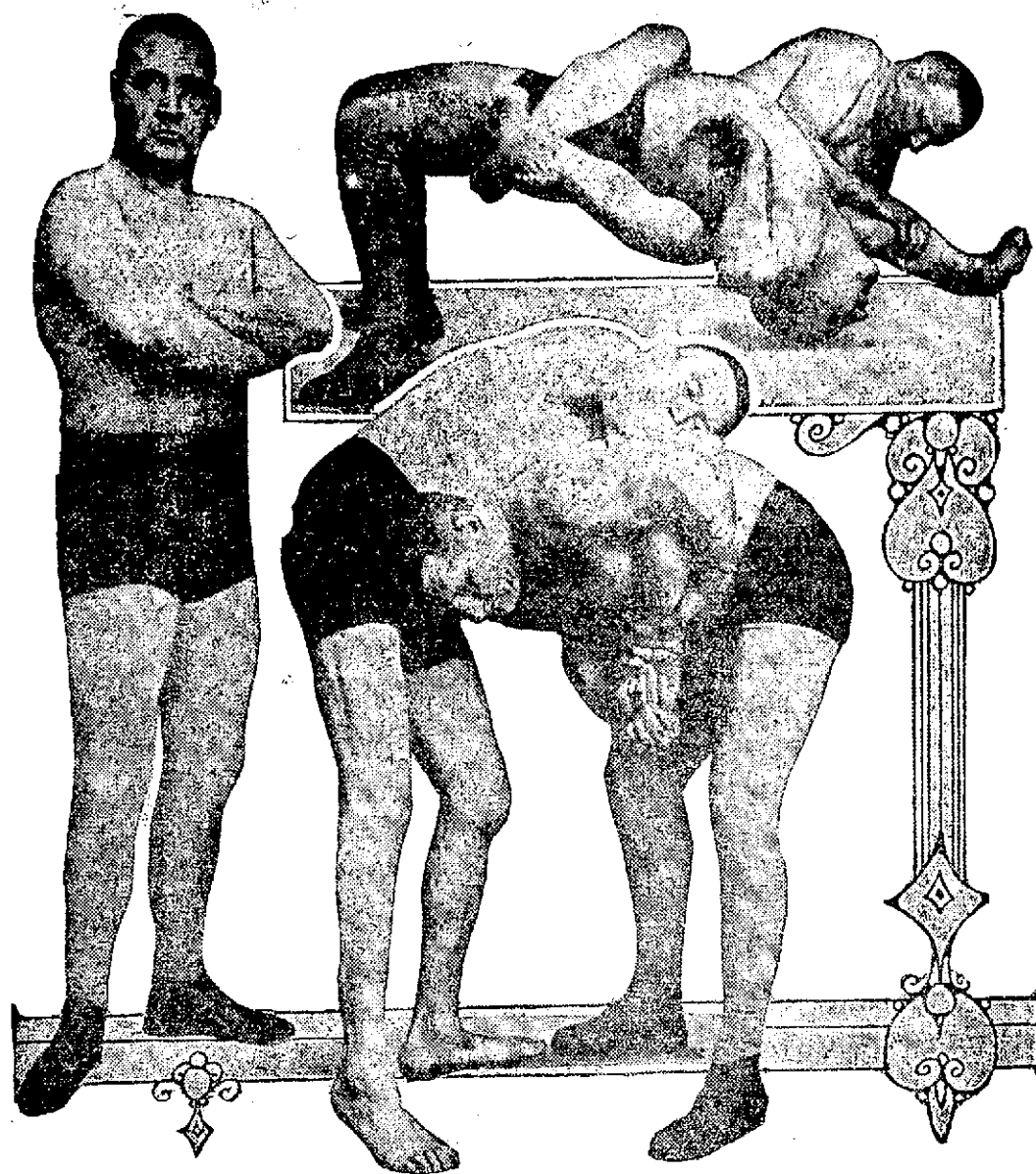
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LOWELL, MASS.—TEL. 4779

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The Greatest Three Day Christmas Sale Lowell Has Ever Seen. Coats, Suits, Dresses, Skirts, Waists, Petticoats, Bath Robes and Furs

STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING THIS WEEK

WRESTLING WORLD TREATED TO SURPRISE WHEN OLIN, DEFEATED JOE STECHER



SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 20.—The wrestling world was treated to a big surprise recently when Joe Stecher, the Nebraska wrestling whirlwind, lost to John L. Olin, the Finn, here. The champion had figured that Olin would be an easy mark, but met with the biggest surprise of his young life. Olin has come to the front with a rush, and his decision over Stecher has caused a veritable sensation in wrestling circles in the west, where Stecher was considered unbeatable. In the Springfield match Olin resisted Stecher's scissors hold, for more than twenty minutes one time and for four-teen another. Stecher had the scissors hold, but he could not pin Olin.

the giant Finlander from Worcester, to the mat. This is how Olin got the decision over Stecher. After wrestling more than two hours the men rolled off a low platform to the floor. Then Stecher struck Olin in the face. Olin grabbed Stecher around the wrists and threw him over some chairs. Then the return of Stecher. The western wrestler looked at Olin and without a word turned away and walked to his dressing room. Referee Jim Barnes awarded the victory to Olin. Olin has been in this country about three years and a half. During this time he has wrestled but few times owing to the fact that other mat artists did not

cure for his game. He finished second in the 1912 Olympic wrestling contests held in Stockholm, Sweden. Olin is about thirty years old and is 5 feet 10 1/2 inches in height and tips the beam around 295 pounds. Hjalmer Lundin, the Swedish champion, who is training the new mat wonder, says Olin will tour the country, meeting all comers, during the next few months and later give Stecher a chance to regain his lost title. Photo on left shows Olin, stripped for action. Picture in upper right shows Lundin applying scissors hold on Olin; lower one shows Olin, underneath, using his favorite arm and wrist lock on his trainer.

AMUSEMENT NOTES

R. F. KEITH'S THEATRE

A voice like no other in the world is that possessed by Bert Lamont, the lyric contra-tenor, who, with his five cowboy singers, headlines the bill at the Keith theatre, this week. Everything in this act bristles with novelty. Most songs are of the popular numbers in a manner which is quite faultless, and the vocal accompaniments are decidedly rich. The setting of the act is also a feature worthy of note. In the act of Wallace Bradley and Gretta Ardine, a combination of singing, dancing and trick bicycling. It sounds ordinary, but is really anything but that. Dainty Miss Ardine is one of the most fascinating of young women, and Mr. Bradley does everything splendidly. This is a king-size act. Al. Gerardi and Sylvia Clark are funny-makers, pure and simple. Miss Clark is like unto no other comedienne on the stage, and with Gerard she gives 15 minutes of pure laughter. Clara Howard's singing of numbers ranging from grave to gay and her imitation of Charlie Chaplin are things worthy of attention, while De Costa and Orr in singing and piano-playing purvey good entertainment. Miss Orr's impersonation of Klity Gordon in "The Enchantress" is decidedly high class. Blanche Stuart, one of the most daring of acrobats, opens the bill in rattling good manner, while the Thomas Trio, of trampoline bounding, closes it well. The Pathe News motion pictures are most interesting. Good seats for all performances may be obtained in advance at the box office. Phone 28.

LOWELL OPERA HOUSE

"Everyman's Castle," that brilliant dramatic sensation by William Anthony Maguire, this week's offering of the Emerson Players at the Opera House, is the biggest hit that Lowell has known in a good many years and the demand for seats is indication that many hundreds who wait until the last minute will be unable to secure seats. Now is the time to make reservations so arrange your shopping tours accordingly and do not fail to see this truly remarkable attraction. The play is woven around Dick and Ruth Brant, a young married couple. The husband, expecting the work to yield the home, is horrified when he finds he is to be disappointed and consults the doctor. There are many wonderful dramatic moments in the play which are lived up here and there by splendid impersonations. Gladys McLeod as Ruth Brant is certainly winning her way into the hearts of Lowell playgoers this week by her splendid characterization as Dick Brant's wife. Ivan Miller as Dick Brant is better than ever before. Millard Vincent as Dr. Calver is exceptionally good. Gertrude Stiles as Lollie Brant does nicely while James Hayden as Harold Spears and Helen Kinsel as Evelyn Martin are the chief fun-makers. Rose Morrison as Helga, the maid, is very good. The scenic production, too, is on a high scale, all new effects being used.

Next week, starting with a special Christmas day matinee at 2 o'clock, the Emerson Players will present "Celan and Harris' greatest success. It pays to Antwerp, a young married couple, a year's run in New York, a year in Chicago, six months in Boston and long engagements in all the big cities. The leading role and Ivan Miller, James Hayden, James T. Galloway, Rose Morrison, Millard Vincent, Gertrude Stiles, Gladys McLeod, Lollie Brant, Ernest East and other members of the company will be seen in fine characters.

Next week, the matinee will start at 3 o'clock, giving everyone an opportunity to thoroughly enjoy their dinner and then attend the matinee performance. Seats are now being sold and going fast so make reservations early.—Advt.

OWL THEATRE

A background of heather lends enchantment to the new Fox feature film, "The War Bride's Secret," which comes to the Owl theatre today and tomorrow. Appearing in the stellar role of this wonderful story of a young Scotch lass, in the war zone, is the famous southern beauty, Virginia Pearson, one of the really popular stars of the motion picture world.

The story of this new release deals with a young Scotch girl who, in order to obey her father's wishes, takes a husband a man whom she does not love. All the quaint humor and simple pathos of the character is depicted in a very pleasing manner. The young girl is secretly wed to the one she loves just before he leaves for the front. Later on her father compels her to wed a wealthy farmer and fearing to divulge her secret, she consents, when she learns that her husband is reported to be dead. How, during the two years which follow, she still thinks of her lover and how her coldness to her husband is shown, is the story of this picture. The soldier returns, wounded from the front, forms one of the most heart-stirring pictures ever released from the Fox studios.

"The Overcoat" is the peculiar name to the new Mutual Masterpiece which will also be shown at the Owl today and tomorrow. This is a sociological drama, with Rhea Mitchell in the leading role. It shows a very novel manner of the solitude found in the vast stretches of plains and forests, but loneliness is to be found only in the crowded haunts of man. It shows that it is the poor man who sees his fellows on all sides enjoying happiness, who really knows the bitter pangs of loneliness. It was loneliness which brought together the two leading roles of this new play, and how they once more regained happiness forms a story which is bound to please all.

Other excellent attractions will also be presented at the Owl theatre today and tomorrow.

MERRIMACK SQUARE THEATRE

Those who are anxious to see one of the greatest screen productions of one of Dickens' best works should attend the Merrimack Square theatre today and see "A Tale of Two Cities." This is a sociological drama, with Rhea Mitchell in the leading role. It shows a very novel manner of the solitude found in the vast stretches of plains and forests, but loneliness is to be found only in the crowded haunts of man. It shows that it is the poor man who sees his fellows on all sides enjoying happiness, who really knows the bitter pangs of loneliness. It was loneliness which brought together the two leading roles of this new play, and how they once more regained happiness forms a story which is bound to please all.

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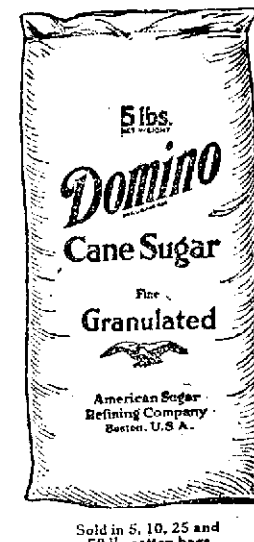
The Fragrance of Holiday Cookery will soon be in the air

Remember how you used to love those Christmas sugar cookies? How you used to ask for "just one more piece of layer cake"? And how you enjoyed the mince pies, the jam tarts, snowballs, cocoanut cake and plum duff that made the holidays a period of unalloyed joy?

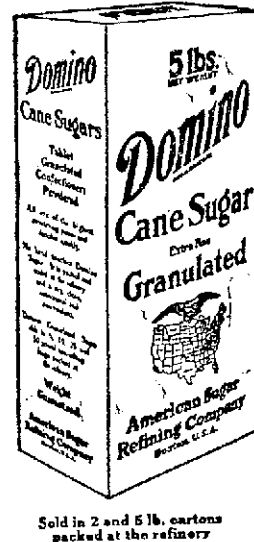
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announces today at the Merrimack Square theatre. Starting with the matinee tomorrow afternoon and continuing daily for the remainder of the week the features will be the five act drama, "The Sheddling Shadow," "The Victim Cross," starring Lou Tellegen and "All Man," featuring the celebrated Robert Warwick. Many other pictures including the Burton Holmes travel pictures will also be shown at the Merrimack Square theatre during the next three days of this week.

ROYAL THEATRE

For mid-week attractions, episodes of "The Sheddling Shadow" and "The Girl From Frisco" will be shown specially.

Today's Fashion Hint



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lady, in conjunction with a fine three reel film photo-play, entitled, "The Temptation of Adam." The mystery that for many weeks has been puzzling those who follow "The Sheddling Shadow," is being disclosed in the following episodes, and a successful finish to one of Pathé's greatest serials will soon come. Grace Darmond, Leon Barry and Ralph Kellard have been starred, and their work has been commendable in every episode. "The Girl From Frisco" with Marlin Sells and true Boardman featured, is proving one of the finest, red-blooded, active serials ever flashed on a Lowell screen. The scenic background of the latter is especially noteworthy. Kathryn Williams is starred in "The Temptation of Adam" the extra three-act attraction looked for today and tomorrow. Coming Friday, an episode of "Liberty" and the second of the new preparedness serial, "Pearl of the Army," with Pearl White and Ralph Kellard. Coming Christmas day, Robert Edison in "The Light That Failed."

JEWELL THEATRE

The second week of the four episode serial, "The Sequel of the Diamond from the Sky," with an all star cast, consisting of William Russell, Charles Burton, Rhea Mitchell, William Tedmarsh, Orval Humphrey, Tom Chatterton and other players of note, is the special attraction at the Jewell theatre for the mid week attraction. The play itself consisted of 22 shown in four separate episodes of 4 reels each. Another fine attraction is an episode of "The Lives of the Lumberjacks," the magnificent serial starring Helen Holmes, the daring "stunt" actress. The scene are laid in the fastness of the far north woods, and some wonderfully fetching scenes of the big woods, methods of cutting, etc., are shown in this thrilling and instructive serial play. The cast supporting Miss Holmes is excellent in every sense, and it is running to great success every Wednesday and Thursday at this popular family theatre. The final episode of "Bea-trice Fairfax" with Grace Darling and Harry Fox is also booked, while the regular releases are of the very best obtainable.

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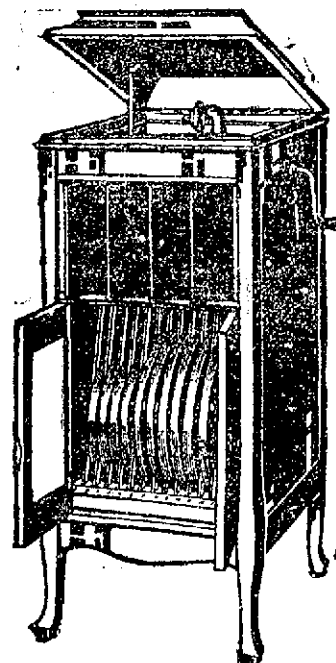
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BELGIAN REPLY TO NOTE 26 BELOW ZERO AT DEPORTATION

HAVRE, France, Dec. 20.—Replying to the note of Gen. von Bissing on the deportation of Belgians to Germany, where, it is alleged, they have been set at work upon military defenses or at labor that relieves German suspects for service at the front, the Belgian senators and deputies point out, in a communication published today, that Gen. von Bissing does not contest the humanity of the deportations and the scenes of despair resulting therefrom. They deny that the ill-treatment of the country by the act of the allies, and recall that England agreed to contribute a supply of raw material for industries as well as food for the population, under diplomatic supervision.

"This was a guarantee," says the Belgian rejoinder, "too natural to be rejected; but it was refused and the project was necessarily abandoned under pressure from German manufacturers who, without doubt, anticipated the complete ruin of Belgian competition."

The reply says that if there are idle workers in Belgium it is because the German authorities used every means to deprive them of work and oppose the resumption of industry provided by private and public enterprises.

"Published decrees," the reply adds, "since Dec. 11, 1914, show how great a part of our national industry has been stripped methodically and paralyzed by the seizure and removal of tools, machinery, raw material and material for textile products."

After recalling the proclamation of Gen. von Bissing at the outset of his administration in which he promised to restore peace and economic prosperity to the occupied regions, the reply concludes: "History will say what that restoration was and also that the demoralizing and depopulation of our occupied provinces for the profit of belligerent Germany has not been accomplished without cries of revolt. The imprecations of the deported and their families and the protestations of public conscience have echoed throughout the world."

STRIKE CAUSES LOSS OF \$150,000,000

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A loss of \$150,000,000 in broken or forfeited contracts represents the cost already to the manufacturers from the clothing strike going on here, it was declared today by Jacob Schlossberg, general secretary of the strikers' union. The calling of the strike at this time, he said caused the loss of contracts for war supplies and spring apparel. Strike leaders said they were preparing for a long struggle.

INCREASED PRICE OF SISAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—American manufacturers of rope and twine have been notified of an increase of three cents a pound in the price of sisal. It was announced here today by the sisal regulating commission, which markets the Mexican crop.

26 BELOW ZERO AT VALENTINE, NEB.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 20.—The lowest temperatures of the season were experienced throughout Nebraska today. Valentine, Neb., reported 26 degrees below zero, Norfolk 15 below and the Omaha weather bureau 10 below. Sioux City, Ia., reported 15 degrees below zero and Sioux Falls, S. D., 22 below.

SAYS FEW LUSITANIA MEDALS DISPOSED OF

BERLIN, Dec. 20, by wireless to Sayville.—Referring to reports of the founding of an association for the manufacture and distribution of medals commemorating the sinking of the steamship Lusitania, the Overseas News agency says: "It is officially declared that in Germany this medal is practically unknown and that hardly 100 persons ever saw it. It was coined in a private house in Munich. The manufacturers reported that up to Dec. 1, 1916, a total of 160 of these medals has been sold to the trade and that of this number 75 went to foreign countries."

ONE KILLED BY MINE EXPLOSION; 800 SAVED

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 20.—The 800 men in the Edgewater mine of the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co., 12 miles from here, stampeded today when a gas explosion killed a slate picker and burned another man. It was at first reported that many had been entombed. With the appearance of rescue parties the men were gotten out from under the openings.

EXTENSION OF MORATORIUM

PARIS, Dec. 20.—An extension of the moratorium for three months from January 1, is provided in a decree published today in the Journal Officiel. The decree is accompanied by a note from the minister of commerce stating that there remains unpaid only 1,340,000,000 of a total of 4,480,000,000 francs of paper benefiting from the moratorium which was held by the Bank of France in August of 1914.

TEPPER MURDER CASE

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The people's case against John Edward Tepper on an indictment charging him with the murder of his mother was summed up today by District Attorney Moore. Tomorrow the jury will hear the charge of Justice Wheeler and will then retire to consider a verdict.

Mr. Moore put particular stress upon the defendant's admitted attempt to conceal the facts regarding his ownership of a revolver and alleged evasion of other matters in connection with the murder.

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At home ports or at sea extra good rations during the Christmas holidays are always a special feature on the United States warships. The supplies now served are in marked contrast with those obtainable on the vessels of the old navy far from home.

Whenever possible the ships are ordered to home ports for Christmas. Shortly after arrival the men are put to work. Inside and out—in cabins, in wardroom and about the deck—there is a swarm of seamen at work. Some will be painting and others will be polishing metal work, sailings and monster guns and brass instruments on the bridge.

Shortly before Christmas, all the work will have been completed. The ships will be spick and span and the seamen will begin to prepare for land. Those who are to go to their homes in the south, middle west, New England and elsewhere probably will leave in time to reach home on Christmas. Others will save expenses by remaining aboard ship. Hundreds of the good conduct men will have a whole week's furlough, and when these return others will go away.

The men who remain on board indulge in all sorts of Christmas festivities. The picture shows one of them distributing gifts to poor children assembled for the purpose of board the battleship New York.

NO SCARCITY OF RAGS AND OLD PAPER

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The present high price of paper is not due to a scarcity of rags and old paper stock, according to officers of the National Association of Waste Material Dealers, who are in quarterly session here. "The phenomenally high prices paid for old rags and old paper," said an officer of the association, "encouraged early in the year the bringing out of vast stores of these goods. We dispose of these materials to the paper manufacturers but, in recent months the latter have assured us repeatedly that they were not in the market. The fact of the matter is that the paper mills are getting all of the waste material they need."

The waste material dealers and distributors are now doing for annual business of \$1,000,000,000, the official statement. Among the subjects to be discussed at today's meeting of the association is the matter of greater uniformity in packing rags and other materials as well as better assorting of other materials.

ALLIES SEIZE 41,000 BAGS OF GERMAN MAIL

BERLIN, Dec. 20, via wireless to Sayville.—From December, 1915, until the last of September, 1916, the British and French naval authorities seized 41,000 mail bags from Germany and 16,500 from Germany, says the Overseas News agency. Of these from Germany 17,110 bags of mail were bound for the United States and 6225 for South America or Spain. Of the mail bags on the way to Germany 14,877 were from the United States and 2,158 from South America or Spain. The remaining bags were in transit between Germany and Dutch ports.

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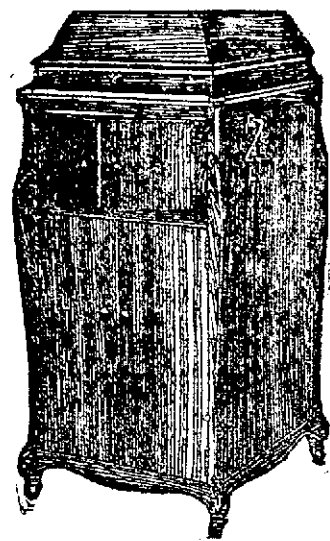
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PAROLE "TRUSTIES" FOR XMAS
RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 20.—So they may spend Christmas at home, "trusties" in North Carolina prisons and prison camps will be paroled for three days beginning next Sunday. The convicts will be required only to give their word of honor that they will return to the prisons by noon, Dec. 27.

Gov. Clegg last Christmas paroled more than 500 prisoners under similar conditions and all returned to the authorities at the time designated.

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VICE PRESIDENT HOBBS DIFFERED WITH MELLEN

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IN FAVOR OF UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

HOWARD H. GROSS AND EDWARD HARDING FAVOR CHAMBERLAIN'S BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Howard H. Gross of Chicago and Edward Harding of New York, representing the Universal Military Training League, argued in favor of universal service today before the senate committee considering Senator Chamberlain's bill for that purpose. Mr. Gross told the committee, compulsory training could not be enforced through the schools because they were under control of the states, and declared it would not be desirable because a school training would not get men at the best age to teach them military lessons. He argued that compulsory service would be a step toward democracy by causing the sons of rich and poor alike to serve in common. He believed a compulsory system would re-

duce the standing army 50 per cent.

Neither he nor Mr. Harding was able to tell the committee how much the system proposed would cost.

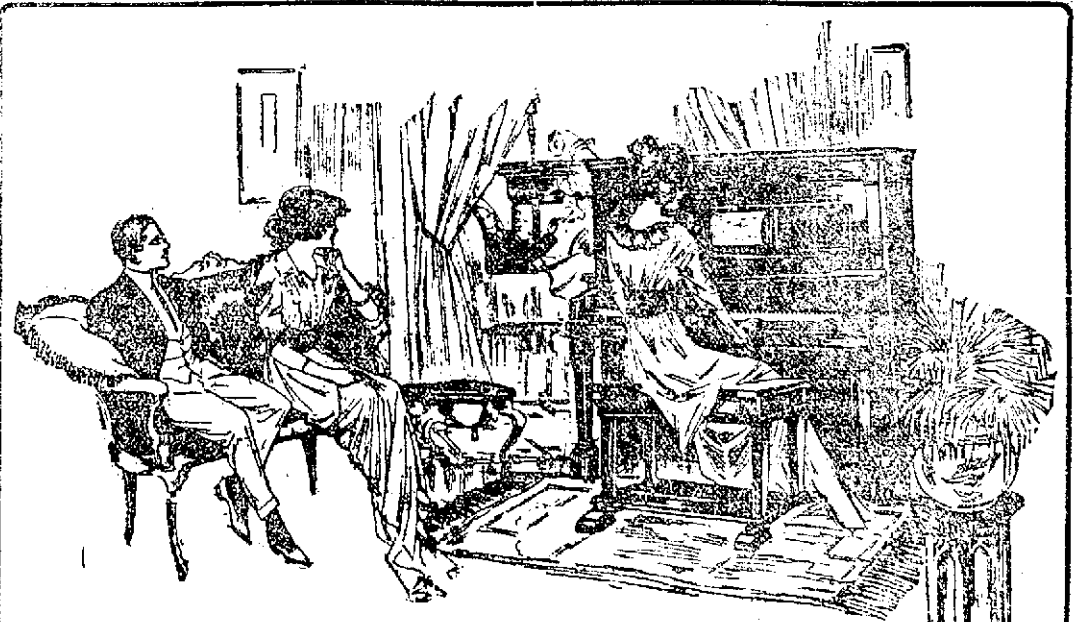
Deductions as to the inefficiency of the National Guard system drawn by the army general staff from the report on the border mobilization were sharply challenged by members of the house military committee today when presented to Maj. Gen. Scott, chief of staff. Several committee men insisted it was unfair to attempt to judge the

guard as organized under the act put through last June by the showing made at the border mobilization since it was the old organized militia and not the new National Guard which was turned out for that service. Gen. Scott asserted that every military man he knew agreed that the same efforts were to be expected by the federalized guard. It was indicated that the general would face a sharp cross-examination tomorrow when the hearing is resumed.

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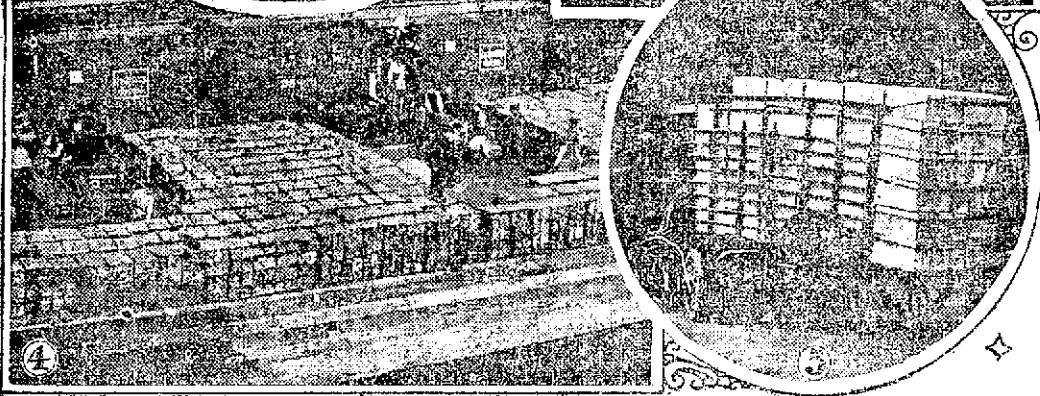
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HIGH COST OF FOODSTUFFS NOT DUE TO EXTRAORDINARY EXPORTS, SAYS EXPERT



In view of statements by packers, produce dealers and grocers that the prevailing high prices for foodstuffs are due to the marked increase this year in exports, recent figures have been obtained from Oscar P. Austin, statistician of the foreign trade department of the National City Bank, New York.

Mr. Austin, who has made a study of exports, recently denied there is ground for the extortionate prices because of shipments from this country. At the request of the New York World, he prepared the following statement, showing the situation:

"So far as I can judge from the latest official figures of exports of foodstuffs the sudden increase in prices

which we have noted within the past few weeks can scarcely be due to an increase in exports which, as I understand, is the chief argument made to sustain the very recent increase in prices.

"In a very large proportion of the food articles exported the percentage out of the country in September and in the nine months ending with September are less than those of the corresponding periods of last year, so far as relates to quantity. True, there are some exceptions to this, but in a large proportion of the articles the question of the exports of September of this year and of the nine months ending with September are less than those of last year. As I understand the

present situation the sudden advance which has been made within the past few weeks in many articles is based upon the assertion that there is now a very large increase of exports over the corresponding period of last year, and hence the necessity for the sudden increase of prices at the present moment.

The following figures of exports are from the foreign trade department of the National City Bank for September, 1916, and the corresponding month of 1915:

| Exports | 1916 | 1915 |
|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Foodstuffs (value) | \$674,000 | \$8,168,000 |
| Foodstuffs (quantity) | 2,181,000 | 4,222,000 |
| Foodstuffs (percentage) | 17.42% | 17.12% |

Pickled pork (lbs.) 3,715,000 6,589,000
Potatoes (bush.) 429,000 729,000
Dried Apples (lbs.) 10,143,000 27,466,000
Green apples (bbls.) 604,000 1,286,000
Wheat (bush.) 13,108,000 21,526,000

No. 1 in the pictures shows trucks loaded with food for export before the French line pier, New York. No. 2, workmen stacking up barrels and boxes of food for export; No. 3, transferring flour from pier to barge; No. 4, unloading crates from railroad to barge; No. 5, truckloads of eggs for export. Each load contains 12,000 dozens of eggs, valued at \$7,200.

\$200,000 LOSS BY FIRE AT ATLANTA, GA.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—Fire early this morning destroyed the J. P. Allen department store, with an estimated loss of \$200,000.

TO RELIEVE SHORTAGE OF FREIGHT CARS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Further means to check practices which have contributed to the shortage of freight cars and general proposals looking to the betterment of the situation were discussed today at a meeting here of railroad officials and representatives of some of the chief shipping interests.

The chief topic was a method under which abuse of the reconsignment privilege could be prevented. Information gathered by the railroads and interstate commerce commission officials is said to indicate that speculators in foodstuffs and other necessities, by abuse of the reconsignment privilege, have withdrawn cars from their normal uses for unwarrantedly long periods, thus contributing to the car shortage and indirectly to the higher cost of living.

Under existing regulations it is possible for speculators to ship cars for their order, reconsign them upon delivery to other destinations and continue the practice indefinitely keeping cars in transit awaiting favorable markets and virtually using the railroads as warehouses instead of carriers.

Thousands of cars are said to have been made unavailable for legitimate shipments of manufacturers and other producers.

LLOYD GEORGE

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world cannot take exception to this attitude." The Guardian notes that the speech contained no hint of the crushing of Germany, but says discussion of any matter is conditioned on restoration. In the freest form, it continues, reparation is impossible, for the deepest wrongs cannot be undone.

"Security we certainly require," the Guardian continues. "The best security is the firm, unbroken front of the alliance, fortified when the war ends

by a universal league to enforce peace. In such a league America would play a great part and her presence alone would be no small security."

Expressing the opinion that Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg will admit on reflection that the proposals of the entente allies, as outlined by Mr. Lloyd George, formed a basis for discussion, the Guardian says:

"There is in this as in all countries at war a great volume of opinion, too little vocal, unfortunately, in favor of a serious effort on the part of Europe's statesmen to put an end to the carnage which is destroying the whole generation of the young."

Premier Lloyd George says the Times "expressed the thoughts and wishes of the nation and laid down a program which will command its hearty support."

This is the tone of the comment in most of the other papers which held that the premier's answer and also the late government. Thus the Daily News says that the door is not necessarily banged and bolted and that the allies' flat refusal of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's offer is not meant to indicate that the allies do not wish peace, but that Germany must ask it in the role of the vanquished and not the victor. The News expresses the hope that the allies will speedily agree on precise terms on which they will be willing to negotiate.

Even the Mail which has always demanded extreme measures against Germany says: "There is no substitute whatever to peace if Germany really wants it. She has merely to withdraw from the occupied countries and we are willing enough to discuss reparation and guarantees for the future."

George's speech the Tagliche Rundschau of Berlin says:

"Reparation could be demanded by England only if Germany had declared war on England. If we were to blame for the war, if we had committed crimes against international law and if we had been defeated."

The Lokal Anzeiger takes the view that Mr. Lloyd George's remarks about reparation are of no value, inasmuch as nothing has been said thus far about peace conditions. This newspaper continues:

"If Lloyd George means to postpone satisfying Europe's desire for peace until the time when the entente is successful in conquering Germany's armies and those of her allies, then the whole of Europe as well as Lloyd George, knows full well that this announcement means eternal war, unless it is in the power of the German command to bring it to an earlier termination than Lloyd George supposes."

The Tagblatt says it prefers to await the promised reply of the entente, adding:

"For the present it appears that the gulf is very great between Lloyd George's standpoint and that described from the German side as the basis for peace."

The following is from the socialist newspaper Vorwaerts:

"Lloyd George says that whoever wantonly prolongs the war will have a crime upon his soul. Do not these words imply strong self-condemnation if England rejects the negotiations offered by the central powers."

MAJ. MORANT LEAVES TAGERBLATT

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 20.—The Deutsche Tage Zeitung says that Maj. Morant has ceased to be military critic of the Tagerblatt and has joined another paper. It is supposed that he was unable to agree with the Tagerblatt's attitude during the war.

WHAT GERMAN PAPERS SAY

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 20, via London.—Comments on Premier Lloyd

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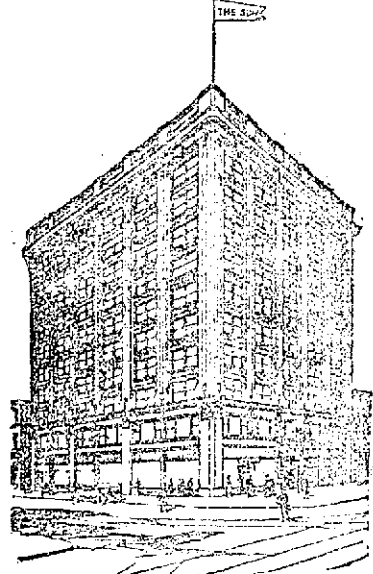
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts—Middlesex, ss. Probate Court. To all persons interested in the estate of Pierre A. Pissant, late of Lowell, in said County deceased. Whereas, Patrick Keyes, the executor of the will of said deceased, has presented for allowance, the first account of his administration upon the estate said deceased.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge in said County, on the fourth day of January, A. D. 1917, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed.

And said executor is ordered to serve this citation by delivering a copy thereof to all persons interested in the estate fourteen days at least before said publication, to be one day at least before said Court, and by mailing, post-paid, a copy of this citation to all known persons interested in the estate seven days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Clerk of said Court, this 14th day of December, 1916, in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

F. M. ESTY, Register. James E. O'Donnell, Attorney. 426-27-28.

HELD THEATRE PARTY

O.M.I. Commissioned Officers Have Entertainment. The commissioned officers of the O.M.I. held their first annual theatre party at Keith's theatre last evening. The two lower boxes were completely filled with the uniformed officers and their partners.

After the evening's service was over, the entire party assembled in Harvey's dining room in John street, where a light luncheon was served. A short entertainment was carried out and the party broke up wishing the O.M.I. officers a most successful year in 1917.

Those responsible for the evening's service were: Chairman, Capt. Frank Gargan; chief aid, Lieut. Samuel O'Neil; aids, Major Conroy, Capt. Boyd, Capt. Angelo, Capt. Callahan, Capt. Leith, Lieut. LaMotte, Lieut. Robertson, Lieut. Ralls, Lieut. Donley, Lieut. Morgan, Lieut. Busby, Lieut. Quinn and Sergt. Parker.

WITH THE BRITISH ARMIES IN FRANCE, Dec. 19, via London, Dec. 20.—Out of a group of German prisoners taken on one section of the British front on Sunday only a non-commissioned officer had heard anything of the German emperor's peace proposal. This circumstance, coupled with the fact that these have been absolutely no demonstrations from any part of the German trenches, caused much speculation among the British officers as to whether, despite the emperor's address to his troops, the new peace overtures have been permitted to reach the men actually engaged on the fighting line.

Documents captured within the last few days repeatedly mention the anxiety and initiative of the allied armies and Field Marshal von Hindenburg is quoted as having issued orders that the supremacy of the air must be sharply contested. According to these documents the German chief of staff has ordered that where the German lines are crossed by hostile aviators German machines must penetrate an equal distance over the allied lines. There has not been much good flying weather in the last week, but numerous combats have taken place, 20 being fought on one forenoon on a certain sector.

German artillery has recently been quite active and has responded more freely to the continuous British fire. According to prisoners the preponderance of British shells had depressed the German troops in the trenches, who thought that their own artillery was not supporting them with the same vigor as the support the English gave to their men.

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